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Spain fans celebrate during the final of the 2010 World Cup on Granville Street. For more Euro 2012 coverage, see page 40. KYLE FARQUHARSON/METRO FILE

Fans await Euro kickoff

Soccer. Greeks will gather in Kitsilano, Italians will intersect on Commercial, English will embark on Main, and Germans will gravitate to Victoria Drive

Vancouver mornings are about to get a lot louder.

The world's second most popular soccer tournament, Euro 2012, kicks off Friday and fans of the 16 participating nations are ready to make some noise in Vancouver.

Like many international sporting events, immigrants, ex-pats, descendants and casual fans will be putting on their favourite nation's shirt and flocking to pubs, restaurants and community centres to revel in the cultural and sporting festivities that run until July 1.

Whether you're a citizen of any of the countries or just a fan, Vancouver Alpen Club director Erich Sedlacek said it's an atmosphere not to be missed.

"It's almost like being at the stadium itself," he said. "We had people for the World Cup in 2010 and packed the hall. The atmosphere is absolutely great, people are cheering and we sell beer and German fast food. Rather than watching by yourself at home, you can get the live experience."

The Alpen Club, on Victoria Drive near 33rd Avenue, is the heart of a German community that is 150,000 people strong in the region and promises to be one of the cultural hot spots during the tournament.

However, unlike the 2010 World Cup, where games were broadcast to thousands of people on Granville Street, a city spokesperson said Thursday that there are no plans to install screens for Euro 2012.

The tournament itself, hosted by Poland and Ukraine this year, is too difficult for Sedlacek to predict.

"There are many strong teams," he said. "We will have to see how it will play out."

Also not to be forgotten in the soccer mix, the Canadian men's national team resumes Olympic qualifying Friday against Cuba at 11 a.m.

Doolin's Irish Pub on Granville Street — the home pub of the Vancouver Whitecaps supporters' club — will be broadcasting the Canada games, along with all Euro matches.

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Have a suggestion on where to catch Euro 2012 action? Send an email to kate.webb@metronews.ca.

Where to watch Euro 2012

- **England.** The London Pub on Main Street has rebranded itself "England House" for the tournament.
- **Germany.** The Alpen Club on Victoria Drive will be packed with fans thirsty for German beer and goals.
- **Greece.** The Hellenic Community Centre will serve as the home base for the Greek supporters.
- **Italy.** There will be no shortage of pubs, restaurants and cafés packed with Italy fans on Commercial Drive.
- **Netherlands.** The Manchester Public House in Kits will be painted orange with Dutch supporters.
- **Poland.** The Polish Community Centre, 4015 Fraser St., is inviting people down to watch Poland open the tournament Friday.
- **Portugal.** The Portuguese Club of Vancouver on Commercial is the place to be for Portugal fans.
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New technology

Mayor and Coupland team up on cellular data

As city hall strives to reach Mayor Gregor Robertson's goal of becoming the greenest city by 2020, one local artist believes he has the answer to ridding the skyline of inefficient cellular towers.

Robertson will be putting forward a motion at Tuesday's council meeting to explore a pilot project with partners from the telecommunications, lighting and EV industries to develop the V-Pole, a high-tech street lamp that houses compact Wi-Fi and cellular tower units.

Author and artist Douglas Coupland designed the V-Pole, which also functions as an electric-vehicle charging station, after learning about the technology while researching a book.

"In three years there will be thirty times more wireless data traffic than there is now," said Coupland in a statement last month. "Unless we act quickly, our streets could be as cluttered as a kitchen junk drawer. No one wants that."

Robertson and Coupland unveiled the concept at the New Cities Summit on May 14 in Paris, France. The structure looks like a street lamp, but houses small cubes that use lightRadio technology for Wi-Fi and cellular data transmission over more localized areas.

"The City of Vancouver is signalling its belief that the future is about smart, open-source technology," Coupland said. "This is an inevitable technology and a massive entrepreneurial opportunity. Urbanites want what the V-Pole provides."

Installing the poles will depend on policy changes.

DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Metta World Peace does the weather late Wednesday on CTV in Vancouver. COURTESY CTVBC.CA

NBA star tries hand as B.C. weatherman

Tweets. Metta World Peace receives Twitter invite from CTV producer to be weather reporter

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An NBA star caused an online stir after tweeting his way through Vancouver Wednesday, ending the night as the fill-in weather reporter at a local TV station.

L.A. Lakers star Metta World Peace, previously known as Ron Artest, arrived at the CTV studio shortly before 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday night after receiving the invite from producer Len Catling on Twitter.

"Our late-night producer saw that (Metta World Peace) was tweeting and looking for some good food in Vancouver," said Heron Hanuman, online manager at CTV-BC.

"Metta responded back and said, 'Sure.'"

World Peace butchered the names of most B.C. cities as he read out the weather, much to the amusement of studio staff.

"It's 18 degrees in Oseeosee," he said on-air, while pointing at Osoyoos.

"That sounds like a cool place. I can't really see what's going on, but I assume there's people there."

World Peace tweeted about his experience while preparing for the live hit:

"I'm about to do the weather on CTV channel 9 in Vancouver. How did this happen? I don't know how I got here I'm just doing earthly things."

The hilarious clip of the former defensive player of the year has already gone viral thanks to World Peace's deadpan humour.

"Victoria, she sounds like she's hot, but she's actually cold," he said of the provincial capital.

World Peace summed up the weather by confirming what every resident already knows.

"It's raining everywhere. It's amazing."

The NBA star-turned-reporter-turned-rapper will be performing at Canvas Lounge in Gastown on Saturday night, according to his Twitter account.

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On the web

Spidey and sweetie

Marriage proposals have become so clichéd these days. In order to spice up the humdrum affair, one man has added a superhero twist to the event by dressing up like the famous webslinger to give his bride a (public) proposal she won't ever forget. Go to metronews.ca to see the video.

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Wheels to finally start turning on bike-sharing

Bidding process.
City has to choose between six companies who want to run the program, including BikeShare BC and BIXI

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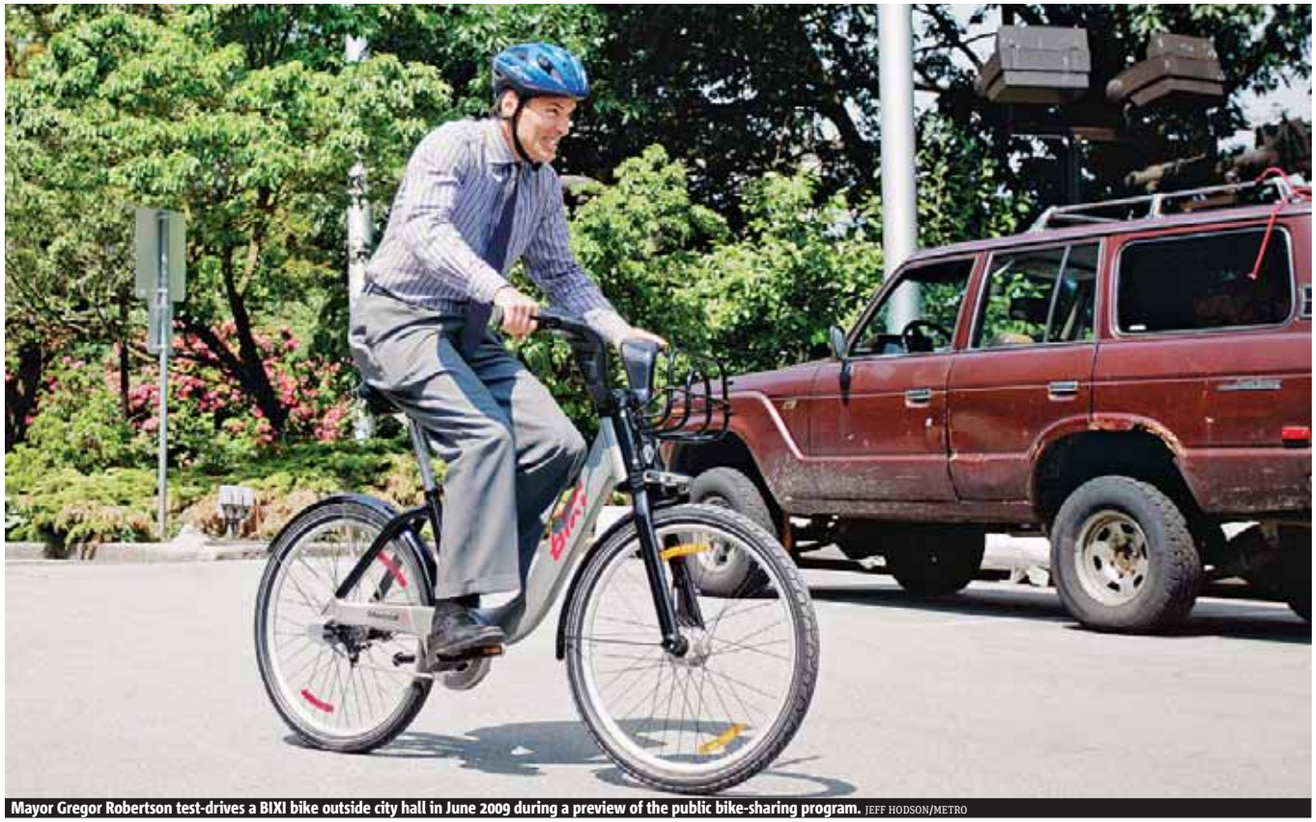

Mayor Gregor Robertson test-drives a BIXI bike outside city hall in June 2009 during a preview of the public bike-sharing program. JEFF HODSON/METRO

After more than five years of talk at city hall about implementing a public bike-sharing (PBS) system in Vancouver, the city's director of transportation will present a much-anticipated proposal to city council Wednesday.

Bike-sharing systems provide affordable access to bikes in urban areas, allowing users to pick up and drop off bikes for short trips at strategically located pay-stations.

The city is staying tight-lipped about who might win the contract to install and operate Vancouver's system, but Keith Ippel, executive director of BikeShare BC, said six companies, including his, submitted bids.

"The city over the last year has been very thoughtful with all aspects of the proposal and just trying to make sure they pick the right partner long-term," he said.

"They're very mindful of what it takes to be successful and run a bike share, and they've been very good about talking to other cities and learning what worked and what hasn't worked in other cities."

Ippel added that even though he'll be disappointed if BikeShare BC doesn't get the deal, he's thrilled either way that Vancouver is moving forward with PBS, which received 85 per cent support during public consultations last June.

Washington, D.C.-based international bike-sharing expert Paul DeMaio, who has helped Vancouver with its research, said Thursday he didn't know either who has won the city's favour, but he has some suspicions.

"My guess would be a Canadian company from Montreal, Public Bicycle System Company," he said, noting PBSC, also known as BIXI, already runs bike-sharing systems in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, and just won the contract for New York City.

"They just seem to be the gold standard in bike sharing."

Another contender is a Richmond-based company called SandVault, which runs PBS services in Golden, Calif., Oklahoma City, Miami Beach, and Long Beach, N.Y.

For whoever wins the contract, one thing is certain: They will be footing the bill for the capital and operating costs. The city and TransLink are only going to provide things like space for stations, marketing and communications support, and permitting support and costs.

There are more than 400 PBS programs worldwide, and between 30 and 40 of them are in North America.

Follow Kate Webb on Twitter @MetroK8

Hygiene concerns

People want clean helmets

Coun. Heather Deal said the city is well aware that the need for helmets poses the biggest threat to the success of Vancouver's bike-sharing program.

"We have a helmet law here, which is a provincial law, and many of us here, myself included, think it's an appropriate one. But it means that if you're using a short-term rental you need to have a helmet," she explained.

"Most people don't walk around carrying one, so you need to be able to rent one, or the bike rental needs to include a helmet, and the issue is finding some way to make sure they get a clean helmet. People don't want to put a helmet on that's just been on someone else's head."

She said whichever proposal is successful will need to include a helmet provision that addresses hygiene concerns. METRO

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B.C. Lions slotback Geroy Simon says watching his first Pittsburgh Steelers game when he was a young boy inspired him to follow his dream. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE

Superman soars to new heights

On the verge. B.C. Lions' Geroy Simon just a few yards away from all-time greatness

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Geroy Simon was nine when he watched his first professional football game. Today, the B.C. Lion is just 67 yards away from becoming the CFL's all-time leading receiver.

The 36-year-old native of Johnstown, Pa., credits his success, in part, to seeing his very first Pittsburgh Steelers game with his parents.

"For a kid to go to a professional game of the team that you watch pretty much your whole life growing up and you get to see your heroes play, it inspired me to get to the level I'm at right now," Simon said.

Seeing the Steelers he looked up to — players like Lynn Swann, Louis Lipps and Franco Harris — was a dream come true for a young football fan.

"You see those guys on TV and you think they're huge guys, but when you see them in person you say, 'Aw, man, they're not that big, and if they can do it, why can't I do it.'"

Since then, Simon has won two Grey Cup championships with the Lions and is second all-time in career CFL receiving yards with 15,087 yards.

Simon, who has made the Superman end zone pose his trademark, could pass Milt Stegall's yards at BC Place June 29 when the Lions take on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in a season-opener rematch of last year's Grey Cup final.

"If I stay healthy and things go right, the records will follow," he said. "I'm not really playing for any records, but I'm playing to help my team get better."

Simon is one of the local sports and arts celebrities who were inspired to choose their career path by attending their first game, concert or live theatre production. He shared his story as part of Kids Up Front's Inspired Leaders Campaign.

His message to kids who aspire to become the next big pop star or sports legend is to keep fighting for your dream.

"You're going to face a lot of hurdles," he says. "Sometimes you trip and fall but you got to keep fighting against those and jumping over those hurdles.

"Anything that you want in life, if it's worth anything, it's going to be challenging and you're going to have a lot of people telling you that you can't do it and that you're not good enough. But if you truly believe in yourself that that's what you want, you got to keep fighting for it."

A good cause

A ticket to inspiration

A local foundation is putting unused concert, play or game tickets to good use.

Cindy Graves, executive director of Kids Up Front Vancouver, said the organization is dedicated to providing at-risk youth, who otherwise would not have the opportunity, to go to arts, culture, recreation and sports events.

Corporations, event planners and regular citizens would donate their unclaimed or unused tickets to Kids Up Front and the foundation would then work with their agency partners to distribute the tickets.

Brenda Harvey, whose son Jonathan received box-seat tickets for a B.C. Lions game, is thankful for the opportunity.

"My son has many ailments that cause him distress on a daily basis but the one thing that brings him joy is sports," she said in a testimonial. "He is the biggest B.C. Lions and Canucks fan there is."

It means a lot for someone like B.C. Lion Geroy Simon to share his story about getting inspired after watching his first football game as part of the organization's Inspired Leaders Campaign, Graves said.

"We are helping to inspire children to turn their lives around, to reach for the stars and to show them a world that maybe they didn't know existed before," she said.

Graves said last year they were able to provide opportunities to 35,000 kids and their guardians.

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Traffic fatality. Driver to face fine, no jail time, in 2009 death of toddler

A day before the sentencing of the man alleged to have caused the death of their two-year-old daughter, Aoi Kazama's family is speaking out against the Crown's decision to offer a plea deal.

William Mah faces a maximum $2,000 fine, with no criminal record.

"This lesser charge is neither a deterrent nor a punishment for a driver who has a long record of questionable driving, and who has destroyed our family," Sheira Hallam-Barbieri, the little girl's aunt, said in a statement.

Mah was originally charged with dangerous driving causing death in the Aug. 26, 2009, accident in downtown Vancouver that took the life of Kazama.

He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of driving without due care last Friday.

Mah is expected to be sentenced in provincial court on Friday at 9:30 a.m.

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Training flight

Glider pilot killed near Vernon

A man is dead after a powered paraglider crashed on Thursday north of Vernon. It appears the pilot lost control of the craft during a training flight and slammed into a field. His age and hometown are not yet known. The RCMP and B.C. Coroner's Service are investigating.

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Cross-border boozing

B.C. corks taxes on imported alcohol

B.C. residents can now bring back wine and beer from other provinces for their own consumption without paying provincial import taxes. The new rules will let people bring in one case of wine and four bottles of spirits, plus a combined total of six dozen beer, cider and coolers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Krause's Board of Trade event sponsored by mining companies

Fair questions. Hunter Dickenson and Taseko named as backers of blogger's speech

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Members of the Tsilhqot'in First Nations protest a proposed mine in their territory outside Taseko headquarters in Vancouver last week. The mining company was one of the sponsors of a luncheon that featured a speech by self-proclaimed transparency advocate Vivian Krause. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two mining companies connected to the rejected New Prosperity Mine proposal sponsored a Board of Trade luncheon this week with Vivian Krause, the North Vancouver environmental-group watchdog and self-proclaimed transparency advocate.

The event was initially listed as a "blind" event, meaning the companies' sponsorship was not disclosed, but Krause urged the sponsors, Hunter Dickenson Inc. and Taseko, to come forward after members of the media, including Metro, raised questions.

"It's really the pot calling the kettle black," said Wilderness Committee campaigner Ben West, noting that Krause has repeatedly denied claims of being under the industry's wing, claiming she's a single mom working independently from home.

Sean Magee, a spokesman for Hunter Dickenson Inc., said it wasn't HDI that asked for its sponsorship role to be kept private. He said HDI sponsored Krause's speech in the interest of promoting transparency.

A Taseko spokesman did not respond to Metro's request for comment.

Krause's research on the movement of charitable funds from the United States to Canada sparked an $8-million Canada Revenue Agency investigation and Senate inquiry into alleged tax-code violations by Canadian charities. So far, the Senate finance committee has not released the names of any offending charities.

The Fair Questions blogger rose to national attention after digging up American charities' tax records showing U.S. foundations have donated $300 million to a variety of environmental initiatives in Canada over the past 10 years, about half of which went toward protecting forests.

Krause did not immediately respond to an interview request on Thursday after the event's sponsors were named.

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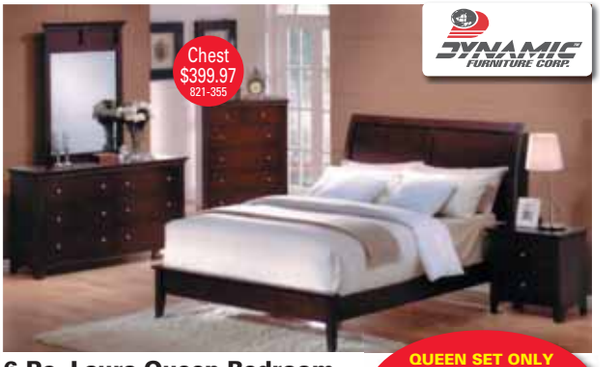

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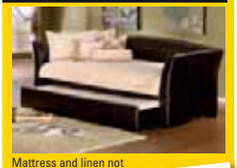

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Survey says. More than half of U.S. high school seniors text and drive

More than half of U.S. high school seniors admit they text or email while driving — the first federal statistics on how common the dangerous habit is in teens.

An anonymous national survey conducted last year found that 58 per cent of high school seniors said they had texted or emailed while driving during the previous month. About 43 per cent of high school juniors acknowledged they did the same thing.

"I'm not surprised. I'm not surprised at all," said Vicki Rimasse, a New Jersey woman whose son caused a fender bender earlier this year after texting in traffic. She made him take a safe-driving class.

"I felt like an idiot," said her 18-year-old son, Dylan Young.

"It caused me to be a lot more cautious," said the high school senior, although he conceded that he still texts behind the wheel.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the survey results Thursday. Some earlier studies had suggested teen texting while driving was common though perhaps not quite so high.

Still, the numbers aren't really surprising, said Amanda Lenhart, a senior researcher at the Pew Research Center in Washington. She studies how teens use technology.

A typical teen sends and receives about 100 text messages a day, and it's the most common way many kids communicate with their peers.

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An Indianapolis billboard discourages texting and driving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sitting pretty

Indian goverment criticized for their luxurious toilets

An Indian government agency is being criticized for spending $63,000 to renovate its toilets just months after setting the national poverty line far below global standards.

The admission sparked a public uproar with media and officials demanding an explanation.

The Planning Commission tried Thursday to mitigate the outrage by saying the three restrooms could service 30 people at once. The cost included a $9,000 card system to limit access.

India has 450 million people living below its self-administered poverty level of less than 50 cents a day.

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Japanese dock washes up on American beach

Tsunami debris. Scientists worry that plants and animals attached to the dock could invade Oregon

When a tsunami hit the northern coast of Japan last year, the waves ripped four dock floats the size of freight train boxcars from their pilings in the fishing port of Misawa and turned them over to the whims of wind and currents.

One floated up on a nearby island. Two have never been seen again. And one made an incredible journey across 5,000 miles (8,000 kilometres) of ocean that ended this week on an Oregon beach.

Along for the ride were hundreds of millions of individual organisms, including a tiny species of crab, a species of algae, and a little starfish all native to Japan, that have scientists worried they may get a chance to spread out on the U.S. West Coast.

"This is a very clear threat," said John Chapman, a research scientist at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, where the dock washed up early Tuesday. "It's exactly like saying you threw a bowling ball into a China shop. It's going to break something. But will it be valuable or cheap glass. It's incredibly difficult to predict what will happen next."

While scientists expect much of the debris to follow the currents to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, an accumulation of millions of tons of small bits of plastic floating in the northern Pacific, tsunami debris that can catch the wind is making its way to North America. In recent weeks a soccer ball washed up in Alaska, and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle in a shipping container in British Columbia.

How the dock float happened to turn up in Oregon was likely determined within sight of land in Japan, said Jan Hafner, a programmer in the University of Hawaii's International Pacific Research Center, which is tracking the 1.5 million tons of tsunami debris estimated to still be floating across the Pacific.

That's where the winds, currents and tides are most variable, due to changes in the coastline and the features of the land, even for two objects a few yards apart, he said. Once the dock got into the ocean, it was pushed steadily by the prevailing winds, and the North Pacific Current.

After it ran ashore on Tuesday, the Japanese Consulate was able to track down the origin of the dock from a plaque bolted to it commemorating its installation in June 2008.

A radiation check of the dock came up negative, which was to be expected if the dock broke loose before the nuclear power plant accident triggered by the waves, said Chris Havel, spokesman for the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, which is overseeing the dock's removal.

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Scientists from Oregon State University and the U.S. government inspect a massive dock with Japanese lettering that washed ashore on Agate Beach on Wednesday, just a mile north of Newport, Ore. THOMAS BOYD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potential invaders

Oregon State University scientist John Chapman said plans were being considered by state authorities to scrape all the living things, including an invasive species commonly known as "wakame," pictured, off the dock and bury them in the sand, so they would not spread.

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Egypt

Mubarak's health deteriorates

Hosni Mubarak's condition has deteriorated so much that doctors at the Cairo prison where he is serving a life sentence had to administer oxygen to him overnight.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said Mubarak, 84, has breathing problems, high blood pressure and depression.

His son, Gamal, is also held in the same prison.

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Former dictator Hosni Mubarak lies on a gurney in 2011 en route to a Cairo court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq

Top Saddam aide executed

Saddam Hussein's trusted personal secretary, once No. 4 on the U.S. most-wanted list in Iraq, was executed by hanging Thursday.

Abed Hamid Hmoud was the latest in a series of former senior regime officials to be executed by Iraq's new rulers since the toppling of Saddam.

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Sentenced in absentia

Fugitive Arafat aide convicted

The Palestinian anti-corruption court on Thursday convicted the fugitive money man of the late Yasser Arafat of siphoning off millions of dollars in public funds, sentencing him to 15 years in prison. The court also found Mohammed Rashid guilty of embezzlement and money laundering.

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Civilian deaths can't be tolerated, says Karzai

Afghanistan. 18 reported dead in NATO airstrike; villagers displayed bodies, which included women and children

Afghanistan's president said Thursday that 18 people killed in a NATO airstrike in eastern Afghanistan were all civilians.

NATO has so far said it has no records of civilian deaths from the pre-dawn strike Wednesday on a house in Logar province.

The NATO and Afghan troops were going after a local Taliban leader when the international coalition says they came under fire and called in an airstrike on the house.

"This is unacceptable. It cannot be tolerated," Afghan President Hamid Karzai said.

He criticized NATO for not being able to provide an explanation for the vans piled with women and children's bodies that villagers displayed to reporters. NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike.

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Strained relations

NATO confirmed only deaths of militants from the strike but has sent in a team to investigate allegations that civilians were killed either alongside or instead of insurgents.

- Karzai said that he was cutting short his trip to China because of events. Also on Wednesday, a trio of suicide bombers killed 22 people in the marketplace of Kandahar city.
- Raids on militants taking cover in villages have been a repeated source of strained relations between the Afghan government and its international allies.

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Bomb in Pakistan kills 14

A plainclothes Pakistani police officer, bottom left, gathers body parts from the site of a bomb explosion, in Quetta, in southwest Pakistan, Thursday. The bomb, attached to a bicycle, exploded outside a Sunni Muslim seminary. ARSHAD BUTT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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First Nations school being tested for HIV

Infection unlikely.
University of Manitoba professor administers faulty diabetes screening

Dozens of students and staff at a First Nations high school are being tested for HIV and hepatitis after undergoing a faulty diabetes screening.

A University of Manitoba professor talked to students at Southeast Collegiate on May 4 about diabetes and used a glucometer to test blood-sugar levels on about 80 people.

University spokesman John Danakas said the professor changed the needle used on each person.

"It's the device which holds the lancet that was reused, and you're not supposed to reuse that. Although the device never comes into contact with the person's skin ... there's still a very, very small, I think it's one in several million, possibility that there could be an infection."

The university later clarified the chances are deemed to be less than one in a million.

Danakas would not identify the professor, but said he was not authorized to perform the diabetes test and has been disciplined.

The case has angered some aboriginal leaders.

"While the risk of a student contracting an infection is described by the University of Manitoba as exceptionally unlikely ... the risk is not zero," Chief Michael Yellowback of the Manto Sipi Cree Nation, said in a written statement. Eight children from the reserve who attend the Winnipeg school were part of the diabetes test.

The group that represents First Nations communities across northern Manitoba said it was alarmed that impromptu diabetes tests were done without parental consent.

"At the heart of the matter, prior written parental consent should have been required by the school," said Grand Chief David Harper of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

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Searching for suspect with oversized ears

Halifax Regional Police are investigating a theft from a bus shelter of an oversized set of headphones. The headphones, measuring more than a metre wide and a metre tall, had been placed on the bus shelter as part of an advertising campaign. Given the size, it is believed that two or more people are responsible for the theft.

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal police arrest protesters

Montreal police made a series of searches and arrests in connection with disruptive protests, and those detained Thursday included the daughter of an elected politician.

Amir Khadir, the sole elected member of the left-wing party Quebec Solidaire, confirmed that his 19-year-old daughter was among those arrested.

Five out of 11 people being sought Thursday were arrested.

It was unclear what charges Khadir's daughter, Yalda Machouf-Khadir, might face. Her arrest came just two days after that of her politician father, who was released with a fine.

Khadir had compared his own act of blocking a street during a protest, to the civil disobedience of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police probe

Quebec media, politicians get suspicious mail

A dozen more suspicious packages containing a non-harmful white powder arrived at political and media offices across Quebec on Thursday, adding to the two dozen received Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Extradition

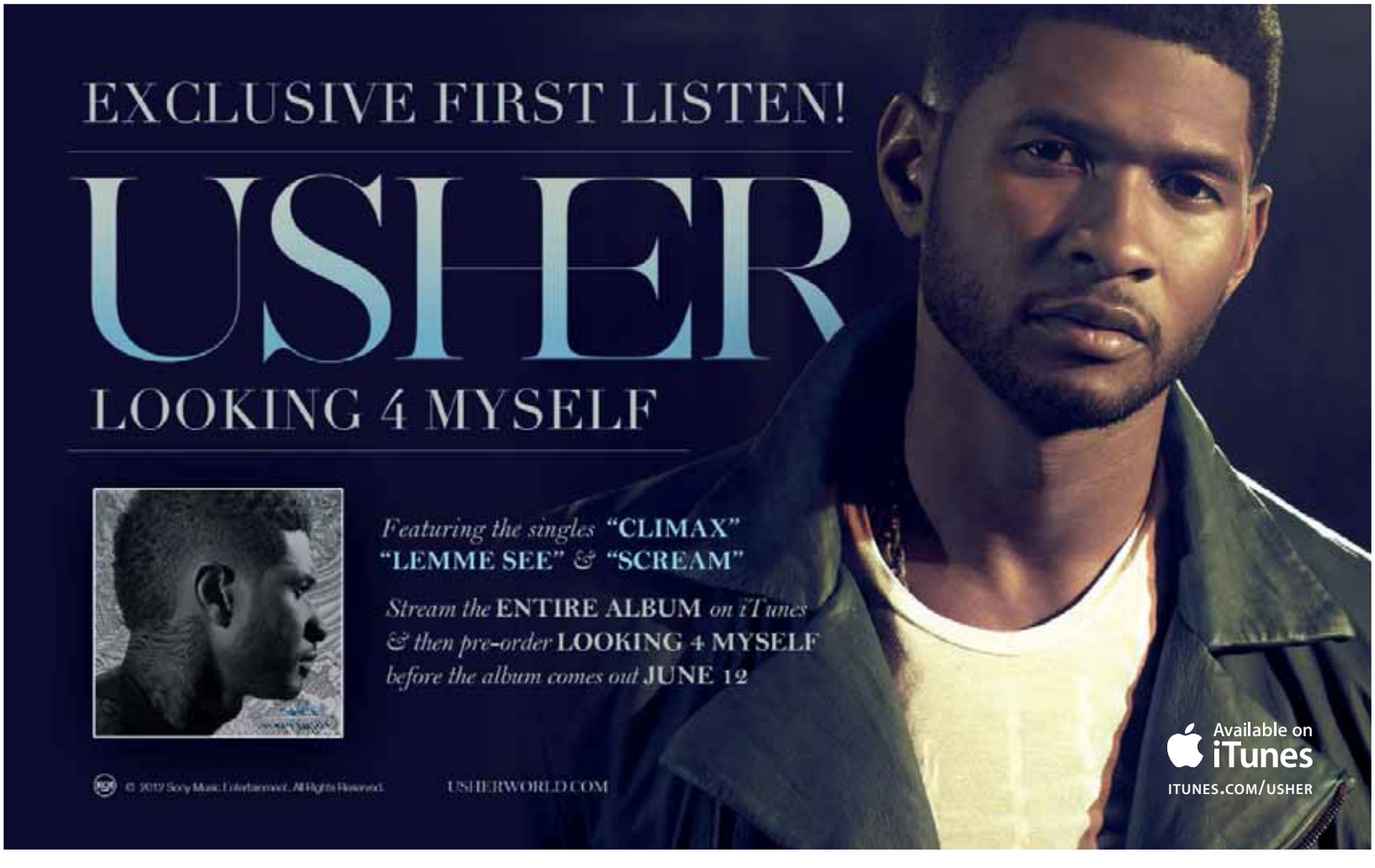
Magnotta may return to Canada within days

German prosecutors said Thursday a decision on the extradition of Luka Rocco Magnotta, who is suspected of killing and dismembering a Chinese student in Montreal, could be made in days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough samaritan

UFC fighter uses his powers for good

Middleweight Nick Ring helped break up an attack on a couple in Calgary Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Talk-show scrap highlights political tension

Greece. Right- and left-wing parties clash on live television as run-up to June 17 repeat elections turns hostile

The spokesman for Greece's extremist far-right Golden Dawn party caused an uproar Thursday after he allegedly physically assaulted two left-wing deputies on live television during a morning political show. A public prosecutor ordered his immediate arrest.

Tempers frayed on the political show on the private Antena television station during a discussion of the country's politics in the run-up to repeat elections June 17. Golden Dawn spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris took offence to a reference by radical left Syriza party member Rena Dorou over a court case that is pending against him.

Kasidiaris, 31, bounded out of his seat and hurled a glass of water across the table over Dorou when she said there was a "crisis of democracy when people who will take the country back 500 years have got into the Greek parliament."

He then turned on prominent Communist party member Liana Kanelli, who had got up out of her chair with a newspaper in hand and appeared to throw it at the Golden Dawn member.

Talk show host Giorgos Papadakis ran over to Kasidiaris to attempt to calm him, shouting "no, no, no!"

Kasidiaris, who had served in the Greek military's special forces, allegedly hit Kanelli around the face three times, with right-left-right slaps to the sides of her head.

Kasidiaris was elected to parliament in the country's recent inconclusive polls. Deputies from all seven parties that won parliament seats in the May 6 polls had been invited on the show.

"The government condemns in the most categorical way the attack by Golden Dawn spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris against Liana Kanelli and Rena Dourou," government spokesman Dimitris Tsiodras said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rising popularity

Golden Dawn has been accused of being behind violent attacks against immigrants.

- The party won nearly seven per cent of the vote May 6, giving it 21 seats in the 300-member parliament. It was a radical increase from its showing in the previous elections in 2009, when the party had won just 0.31 per cent of the vote.

Ilias Kasidiaris of the Golden Dawn party appears to physically assault Liana Kanelli, a member of the Greek Communist party. ANTENA TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New mass killings in Syria: UN

Mazraat al-Qubair. Activists say nearly 80 people killed, just weeks after brutal massacre in Houla

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said unarmed UN monitors came under fire Thursday as they tried to reach the scene of the latest Syrian mass killing. Activists said government forces killed nearly 80 people, including women and children who were shot, hacked to death and burned in their homes.

Ban told the UN General Assembly that the monitors "were shot at with small arms" as they tried to reach Mazraat al-Qubair, a farming area in the central Hama province. The group initially was denied access. He did not mention any casualties, and it was not clear who was behind the shooting.

International envoy Kofi Annan told the General Assembly, "If things do not change, the future is likely to be one of brutal repression, massacres, sectarian violence, and even all-out civil war."

Syria denied that its forces committed a massacre as "absolutely baseless" and blamed the violence on terrorists who are trying to provoke foreign military intervention to topple Assad.

A resident of Mazraat al-Qubair said troops shelled the area for five hours Wednesday before government-aligned militiamen entered the area, "killing and hacking everyone they could find."

Leith Al-Hamwy says that he survived by hiding in an olive grove about 800 metres from the farms as the killings were taking place. But he said his mother and six siblings, the youngest 10-year-old twins, did not.

"When I came out of hiding and went inside the houses, I saw bodies everywhere. Entire families either shot or killed with sharp sticks and knives," he said.

The reports of mass killings came just weeks after more than 100 people were killed in one day in a cluster of villages known as Houla in central Homs province. UN investigators blamed pro-government gunmen for at least some of the killings, but the Syrian regime denied responsibility and blamed rebels for the deaths.

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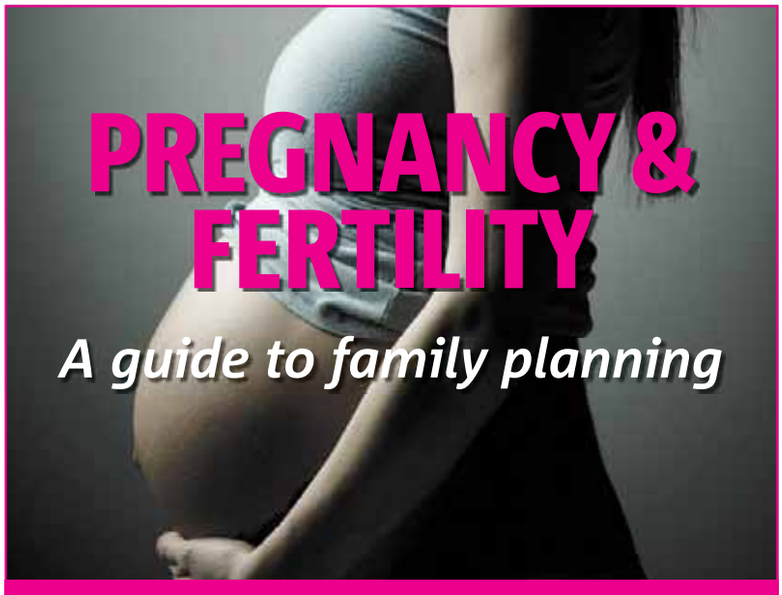
In this citizen-journalism image, protesters hold a banner that reads "Al-Qubair massacre challenges the world's humanity," during a protest in the village of Hass, Syria, Thursday. EDLIB NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Explosion kills 3 in Italy

Rescue workers found the bodies of a family of three after a building exploded in Conversano, Italy, Thursday. DONATO FASANO/LAPRESSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Search teams picking through the rubble of a residential building which collapsed in southern Italy Thursday after an explosion have found the bodies of a couple and their child, police say.

Local officials have told media that a gas leak is suspected as the cause.

At least 10 people in surrounding buildings were injured, including one child.

Conversano Mayor Giuseppe Lovascio told Sky 24 Italian television earlier that an Italian-Dutch family had arrived from the Netherlands two days ago on vacation and were staying in the building.

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U.S. military. Suicides up to one a day in 2012, surpassing deaths in combat

Suicides are surging among America's troops, averaging nearly one a day this year — the fastest pace in the nation's decade of war.

The 154 suicides for active-duty troops in the first 155 days of the year far outdistance the U.S. forces killed in action in Afghanistan — about 50 per cent more — according to Pentagon statistics.

The numbers reflect a military burdened with wartime demands from Iraq and Afghanistan that have taken a greater toll than foreseen a decade ago. The military also is struggling with increased sexual assaults, alcohol abuse, domestic violence and other misbehaviour.

Because suicides had levelled off in 2010 and 2011, this year's upswing has caught some officials by surprise.

The reasons for the increase are not fully understood. Among explanations, studies have pointed to combat exposure, post-traumatic stress, misuse of prescription medications and personal financial problems. Army data suggest soldiers with multiple combat tours are at greater risk of committing suicide, although a substantial proportion of Army suicides are committed by soldiers who never deployed.

The war in Afghanistan is winding down with the last combat troops scheduled to leave at the end of 2014. But this year has seen record numbers of soldiers being killed by Afghan troops, and there also have been several scandals involving U.S. troop misconduct.

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France's 'first lady' is looking for a better title

President's girlfriend. Veteran journalist thinks current term is a little old-school for her

A longtime political journalist, Valérie Trierweiler knows about searching for just the right words. And as the romantic partner of France's new president, she's doing just that: She feels that the term "first lady" is a bit too old-school.

More than three weeks after Francois Hollande — her companion, boyfriend, significant other, take your pick — took office, Trierweiler still doesn't know what she wants to be called. But she's found one possible role model: Eleanor Roosevelt, the Depression-era first lady in the United States known for her activism and character.

Valérie Trierweiler, left, seen here with U.S. first lady Michelle Obama on a recent trip to Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Look at that! A journalist first lady isn't a novelty," wrote Trierweiler in Paris Match magazine, in a review of a new French biography of Mrs. Roosevelt. The article, published Thursday, was Trierweiler's first since Hollande took office.

In an interview with Inter-France radio, Trierweiler says it's not that she doesn't like the term "first lady" for herself; it's just that it seems a bit "outdated." She and Hollande are not married.

Trierweiler has spent more than 20 years as a journalist at Paris Match, France's leading newsweekly, mostly as a political journalist. But in 2006, the year after she started up a relationship with Hollande, she stopped covering the Socialist Party that he was heading at the time.

Trierweiler has faced a tricky balancing act in her new role. A twice-divorced mother raising three boys, she has repeatedly said that she plans to keep working to earn a living as head of household. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freak storm leaves Colorado iced over

Steven Carpe sinks knee-deep in hail in the parking lot of Colorado Springs' The Citadel mall Thursday, after a massive hail and rain storm hit the Colorado city Wednesday night. Snowplows were used in Douglas County to clear hail that was up to eight inches deep in some places. CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon Martin case

Zimmerman gets new bond date

A new bond hearing is set for George Zimmerman, the Florida neighbourhood watch volunteer charged in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager. The hearing is set for June 29 in a case that raised questions about race and self-defence laws. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Legionnaires' disease

Scottish outbreak now confirmed

Health officials on Thursday reported 61 confirmed and suspected cases of Legionnaires' disease in Scotland, an outbreak that has left one man dead. Of the 61 cases, all in the Edinburgh area, 24 were confirmed. The rest were suspected cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zealous cheering

Kids punished for parents' actions

A suburban Cincinnati high school withheld four graduates' diplomas and required community service as punishment for what it describes as overly boisterous cheering by their families during the Mount Healthy, Ohio, graduation ceremony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cape Cod. Residents excited, wary about alleged first-ever bear

The biggest sensation on Cape Cod right now isn't the lobster, the lighthouses or the sand dunes. It's not even a Kennedy. It's a bear.

A bruin, believed to have swam about 152 metres across the Cape Cod Canal from the mainland in late May, has captured the imagination of residents as it traipses across the peninsula. Officials say research dating to the 1700s suggests this is the first bear on the Cape.

"Well, my goodness. How often do you see a bear on Cape Cod?" said Marion Larson, a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. "It's really cool, and people are really excited about it."

A Cape Cod Times reporter told the paper she spotted the bear around 6 a.m. Thursday and said it bounded across the road like a puppy.

The bear, likely a male about three years old, has been seen near a chicken coop, a cranberry bog, a golf course and more than a dozen other locations along a 96-kilometre stretch of the Cape.

Now that the bear has reached the tip of the Cape, wildlife officials say they may attempt to immobilize and move it to an area where other bears live.

Bears don't generally turn around and go back where they came from, and he can't go any farther east.

"He's at the end of the line, as far as real estate," Larson said.

But Provincetown police Officer Ruth Anne Cowing, who handles animal control duties for the town, said officials there are hoping the bear will retrace its steps and get out of town. So far it's stayed mostly in the woods and retreated every time it's seen a person.

"Now he's at the very end, so he needs to make a decision or we'll make it for him," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Following

1,300

Boston-area newscasts are featuring daily updates on the bear's whereabouts, and a Cape Cod Bear Twitter feed has nearly 1,300 followers.

Search and rescue

A Thai customs official shows a rescued pangolin during a news conference in Bangkok, Thursday. Thai customs rescued 110 pangolins worth about $35,500 that they say were to be sold outside the country as exotic food. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London 2012. Still plenty of Canadian interest in the Olympics: Survey

A new poll suggests Canada's Olympic spirit is high heading into the London Summer Games.

In a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima survey, two-thirds of respondents knew where the Olympics were being held this summer and planned to follow them closely.

The pollster chalks the enthusiasm up to a post-Olympic honeymoon from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"I think we definitely are in a 2010 honeymoon in terms of Canadians and their showing of Olympic spirit for sure,'' Harris/Decima vice-president Patricia Thacker said in an interview. "The Olympics aren't being held here, but there definitely does still seem to be some interest in them.''

The telephone survey of just over 1,000 people was conducted between May 24 and 27 and has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The London Olympics are exactly 50 days away, with the opening ceremony slated for July 27.

The survey indicated the intensity of Canadians' interest is not as strong as it was prior to 2010. Two in 10 planned to watch the Summer Games "very closely'' compared to three in 10 prior to 2010.

Canada topped all countries in gold medals won at the 2010 Winter Games with 14, and finished third in the overall medal count. The country's goal for London is a more modest top-12 finish among more than 200 nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic spirit

The results of the Olympic poll showed the support of the Canadian public for their athletes.

- Seven in 10 people polled agreed with using tax dollars to fund Own The Podium, which oversees the competitive aspects of athletes' lives.
- Seven out of 10 also felt it's important the Canadian team hit their medal target.

Aging robber says boredom led him to steal

A life of crime. 'We got nothing better to do. We sit around talking,' the 73-year-old tells judge

A reputed Chicago mobster who gained notoriety three decades ago for stealing the 45-carat Marlborough Diamond from a London jewelry store was sentenced to prison in another case Thursday, telling the judge he got involved in more robberies because he was bored.

Arthur (The Brain) Rachel, 73, was sentenced to eight-and-a-half years in prison for his involvement in planning robberies with two other accomplices, both of whom are also in their 70s.

Before the sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Harry Leinenweber asked Rachel why he got involved after spending nearly a decade in prison for the diamond heist.

"It's the way we are," Rachel said. "We got nothing better to do. We sit around talking."

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Previous exploit

Rachel and Joseph (The Monk) Scalise staged a daring daytime theft of the Marlborough Diamond in 1980.

- **Court.** Both men were convicted in Britain of threatening to use a hand grenade while robbing London's posh Graff Jewelers of $3.6 million US worth of goods, including the diamond.
- **Mystery.** The diamond was never recovered.

'No loving, no shoving'. Students fight 'ban' on hugs

The 12- and 13-year-old girls wanted only to hug, as they do. But they kept getting warnings.

"No loving, no shoving," teachers at Earnscliffe Senior Public School in Brampton, Ont., often told them, repeating a motto attached to a rule that is designed to help protect students against roughhousing or unwanted touching.

The sentiment of the motto is fine, say Grade 6 and 7 students Diana Hoyt, Lily Hopkinson and twins Janna and Hana El-Daly. "Parts of it make complete sense," says Lily. "There shouldn't be hitting or any of that." The problem, say the girls, is that the rule also stops them from doing something they feel is entirely innocent — hugging. The four came up with a plan for a "hug-in" to protest the "ridiculous" rule.

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Up, up and olé

A vendor offers balloons on Zamkowy Square, with the National Stadium in the background, during the Euro 2012 soccer championship in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday.

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Toronto

Mayor angry over plastic-bag ban

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford calls the vote to ban single-use plastic bags the "dumbest thing council's done" and says it shows people should pay more attention to municipal politics. City council passed a motion Wednesday to scrap the five-cent retail bag fee on July 1, removing one of Ford's pet peeves. Council then voted to ban distribution of plastic bags altogether as of next Jan. 1.

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Facing the music

Hill failed to file tax returns: IRS

Eight-time Grammy winner Lauryn Hill has been charged with failing to file income tax returns for several years with the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey announced Thursday. Hill earned more than $1.6 million US during 2005, 2006 and 2007, the three years that she failed to file returns, federal prosecutors said.

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America's Got Talent

Man mistakenly gave show wrong photo: Fiancée

An America's Got Talent contestant scrutinized for claims about being injured in Afghanistan made a mistake when he gave the show a photo of another soldier and passed it off as himself, the man's fiancée said.

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Ports divert little cargo, U.S. told

Trade irritant.
U.S. senators had complained Canada was unfairly subsidizing diversion of ships

A commissioner on a U.S. federal agency probing whether Canadian ports on the West Coast are luring lucrative cargo business away from their American counterparts says the problem may be minimal.

The Canadian government and other officials have told the Federal Maritime Commission that over a period of 10 years, only 2.5 per cent of U.S.-bound cargo was imported via Canadian ports, the agency's Rebecca Dye said Thursday.

Speaking at a Canadian American Business Council conference on China, Dye didn't say when the commission would complete its investigation and deliver its findings to U.S. Congress.

But the matter has been a simmering trade irritant between the U.S. and Canada ever since a pair of senators from Washington state complained that Canadians are unfairly subsidizing the diversion of cargo ships away from their American competitors, particularly in Prince Rupert, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian response

Andrew Mayer, an official at the Prince Rupert Port Authority, pointed out that Canadian officials hardly give cargo ships a free ride.

- While the U.S. taxes shippers, Canada charges them a user fee, he said: "We charge them to help fund the maintenance of these ports, but we don't have a tax."

Best Buy founder steps down

Richard Schulze, the founder and outgoing chairman of Best Buy, pictured above, announced his resignation from the board on Thursday and said that he may sell off his 20.1 per cent stake in the beleaguered electronics retailer. Schulze, 71, has been with the company since its inception in 1966 and is its largest shareholder by far. The second-largest holder, Fidelity Management & Research Co., has a 6.9 per cent stake in the company. It's the latest news to hit the Minneapolis company facing increasing competition from online retailers and a CEO scandal, and it removes one obstacle for a possible private-equity takeover of the company. Shares fell nearly eight per cent in morning trading.

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High-tech travel

Toronto airport being outfitted with 2,500 iPads

Toronto's Pearson International Airport is one of three airports to be outfitted with thousands of iPads by restaurant company OTG Management.

The company says it will install 2,500 Apple tablets at the Toronto airport over the next 18 months. The iPads will be available to use in restaurants or waiting areas.

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Backpack of the future?

Engineering director Luc Vincent demonstrates how Google captures images in hard-to-reach places with Street View Trekker at the Google offices in San Francisco on Wednesday. Google's digital mapping service is preparing to introduce offline access on mobile devices and more three-dimensional images of major cities as as it braces for a possible loss in traffic from Apple's iPhone and iPad.

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Technology

RIM discontinues 16GB PlayBook

Research In Motion says it is discontinuing the lowest-priced model of its BlackBerry PlayBook tablet.

A spokeswoman for the company says the Waterloo, Ont.-based company has stopped production on the 16GB Wi-Fi PlayBook.

RIM said it continues to manufacture both the 32GB and 64GB models of the PlayBook. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aircraft. Aveos' airframe unit attracts no buyers

Hope appears to be fading for most former Aveos employees after no potential buyers expressed interest in the aircraft maintenance firm's airframe unit, says a report by the monitor overseeing the company's restructuring.

The business employed about 1,500 of the 2,600 people who worked at Aveos before it closed its operations in March and obtained court protection from creditors under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.

Work on repairing and overhauling airframes has increasingly gone to low-cost operations in Asia and Latin America

Aveos has said that its airframe business was not viable, suggesting buyer interest will be focused on the components and engine repair divisions.

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Five Wives. Idaho rescinds ban on 'offensive' vodka

Idaho reversed direction in the face of a lawsuit Wednesday and said it will sell Five Wives Vodka, but the liquor producer whose label makes an unmistakable reference to polygamy would not immediately rule out legal action.

The Idaho State Liquor Division rejected as offensive last week the product that shows five women hiking up their skirts on the vodka bottle.

Idaho is more than 25 per cent Mormon and the church at one time allowed polygamy but abandoned the practice in 1890.

The vodka originates from Ogden's Own Distillery in Utah, where the Mormon church is based.

The state's decision allows the company to sell the vodka only by special order.

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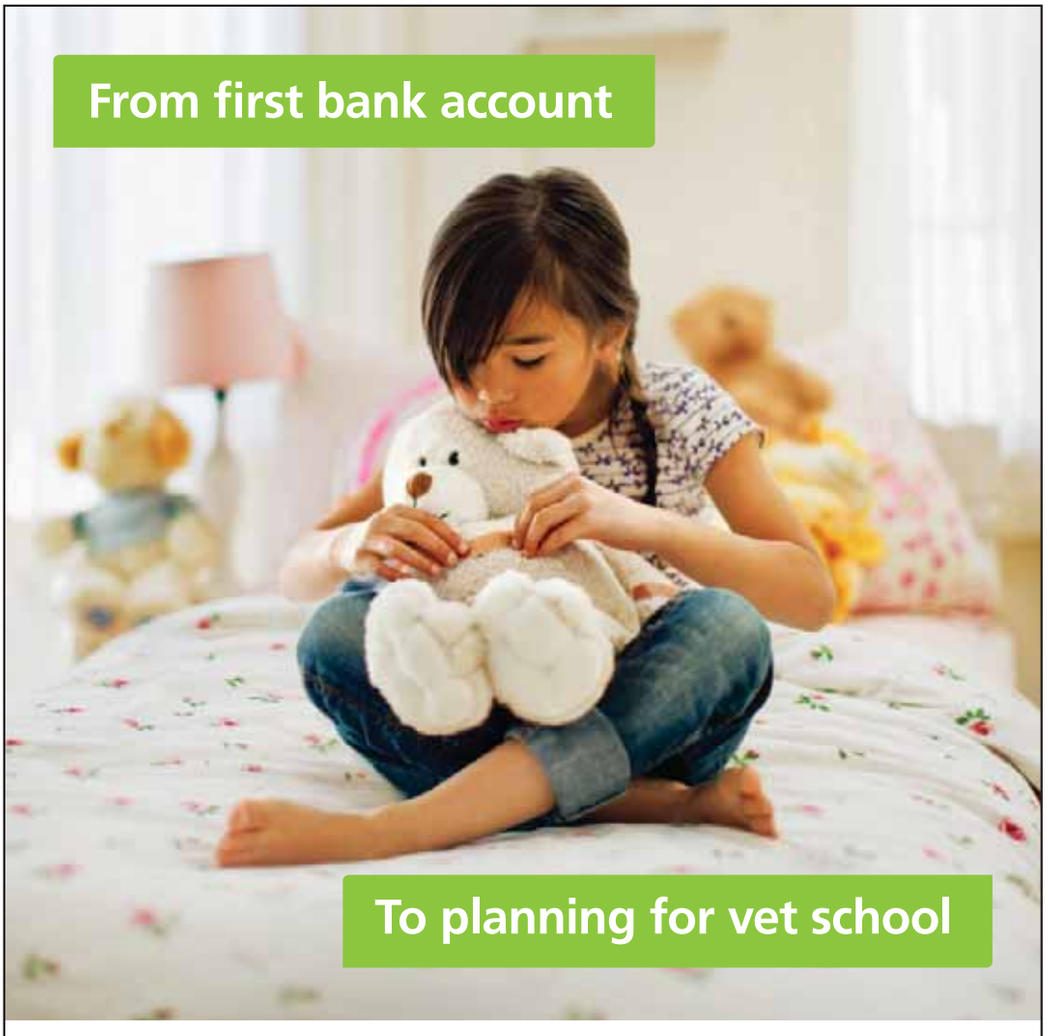

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THE LIST
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1 Bonnaroo. Eighty thousand people are camping out on a 700 acre site in Manchester, Tenn., this weekend for the epic music festival Bonnaroo, which features 150 acts on 13 stages. The likes of Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and the Beach Boys will all be there. Best overnight-guitar-campfire-sing-song ever.

2 Home ATM. NBA player DeShawn Stevenson installed an ATM machine in his Dallas home to allow his buddies to withdraw money before they go out partying. Each ATM withdrawal at his house will cost you a $4.50 fee. I'm taking that idea to the bank.

3 Rob Lowe takes Winnipeg. There have been spottings of him in town all week, where he's filming The Casey Anthony Story for Lifetime TV, playing the part of prosecutor Jeff Ashton. One woman tweeted the Lowe-down, "Guess who just met Rob Lowe? Yeah, that's right. Moi. 80s dream realized. And yes, we touched. Le sigh. #Winnipeg."

4 B.C. limo driver. A limo driver in Vernon, B.C., called police Saturday night because of drunken passengers in his vehicle. Just one problem: When the police showed up, the driver himself had been drinking. And he failed a roadside breath test. He's now facing an impaired-driving charge.

5 Graceland. Commemorative CD/DVD editions of Paul Simon's landmark Graceland album came out this week, marking the album's 25th anniversary. They include the new Graceland documentary, Under African Skies, chronicling its recording and impact on world music and pop culture. Must-watch.

6 Natural-born narcissist. Suspected killer Luka Rocco Magnotta was arrested at an Internet café in Berlin this week. Which really shouldn't surprise anyone, as the ultimate self-promoter was there checking out reports on the manhunt for himself.

7 Russell Brand. At the MTV Movie Awards, Brand wasted no time in his opening monologue addressing his divorce from Katy Perry. "The last time I did an MTV awards show, I did end up marrying someone that was there. So tonight I'm going to keep my eyes peeled for my next wife!" No word if he kissed a girl that night.

8 Celine Dion. Celine Dion's heart goes out to Kate Winslet, who has said the Titanic theme song, My Heart Will Go On, makes her sick. Dion said on the Today show this week: "If I just count how many times I've sung it, maybe it'll get me sick. If she feels tired just hearing it, and, like, throwing up, I'm glad she was not the one singing it." You should hear me belt it out.

9 Twitter's new birdie. The famous little blue bird doesn't need any accessories anymore, as Twitter announced this week "there's no longer a need for text, bubbled typefaces, or a lowercase 't' to represent Twitter." So now it's just the birdie. In other news, the blue jay in my backyard still has a bird bath.

10 Miley Cyrus. It was just yesterday that my girls were watching her as Hannah Montana, and now the 19-year-old has gone and gotten engaged. Yes, she announced her engagement to her boyfriend, actor Liam Hemsworth. No word if dad Billy Ray will sing Achy Breaky Heart at her wedding.

11 Melissa Stetten. The model hilariously live-tweeted as an unknown actor Brian Pressly — a devout Christian who's married with a child — hit on her during a flight. Sample tweet: "Brian has a wedding ring. I ask him how his wife is, he says he just wears the ring because he likes it. Right, Brian." Horrible acting job, Brian.

12 Brock University. Graduating students there were treated to some Hollywood celebrity when Ryan Gosling showed up with girlfriend Eva Mendes on campus to watch his mom graduate on Wednesday. Notebook ending to their schooling.

Schtick man. Russell Brand at the MTV Movie Awards where he delivered his pickup line. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How they roll in 'Skateistan'

SKATEISTAN.ORG

Sports outreach

Afghan boys, girls totally get on board

Skateistan is a unique NGO in war-torn Afghanistan that teaches skateboarding to hundreds of children.

The group set up the only skatepark in Kabul, and includes girls, who are forbidden from riding bicycles and playing sports in the country.

Skateistan unveils a new book and exhibition of its story this week in Germany.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Stealth triumph

"Our advantage was that nobody had heard of skateboarding." Frauke Meyn, project manager, Skateistan

The group is 40 per cent female, and has cut across ethnic boundaries. Staff say the key to avoiding controversy has been close links with the community and regular dialogue with the families of skaters. The skate park is discreetly positioned out of public view.

Skater girls, Afghan style. RHIANON BADER/SKATEISTAN.ORG

Skateistan timeline

- **2007.** Group established by Australian skateboarder Oliver Percovich.
- **2009.** Construction of the Kabul skatepark completed.
- **2012.** New Mazar-e-Sharif centre to open in July.

Adventure playground

5,428

The size, in square metres, of the skatepark in Kabul, donated by the Afghan National Olympic Committees.

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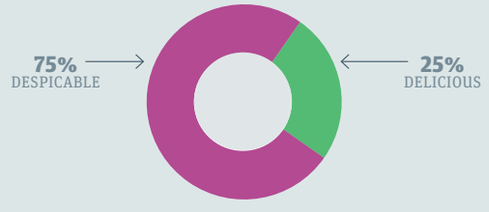

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Prometheus is all about the aesthetics. HANDOUT

Script taints aesthetic gem

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Prometheus.
Ridley Scott's latest imagining is pretty, but the '70s sci-fi dialogue makes it go clunk

Richard: Chris, thematically Prometheus is equally about creation and destruction. As a piece of entertainment goes, however, I'm not sure it will create lasting memories. It won't destroy the goodwill of the first couple of Alien films, but I don't think it will add much to the legacy either. For me there is very little big bang in a movie that is reportedly about the most significant discovery in the history of mankind. You?

Chris: I was blindsided. My expectations were low to none. I didn't want Alien redux, I wanted something different and I got it. The visuals were so grandiose, the aesthetics so nightmarish and baroque that I was dazzled. Only when the pithy dialogue steered the ship did I reject it ... but then something would ooze, a storm would rage and I was back in. And hey, it's not 1979 anymore. We've seen it all and I'm pleased that Scott chose to dwell on dread rather than simple chest-bursting shock. But man ... that dialogue!

RC: It may not be 1979 anymore, but I agree, the dialogue sounded like leftover, bad late '70s sci-fi films. I expected a higher level of writing from a movie that is more about ideas than action. Having said that, I loved Michael Fassbender's automaton space butler. He's got many of the film's best lines and if they ever need someone to play the lead in The Peter O'Toole Story, he's the guy.

CA: Fassbender is fantastic, Rapace is scrappy ... but for me, this was all about aesthetics. Then again, with Scott, it was always about aesthetics. Alien had no story, it found its power in dread, atmosphere and design. Blade Runner had no story, only a philosophy and a MacGuffin and again, exists as a testament to mood, music and architecture. With Prometheus, there are things in here that I haven't seen or experienced since, well, since Blade Runner; things I will never forget. And while there may be no chest-burster freak-outs, one word: Caesarean!

RC: (Mild spoiler) Four words! Do it yourself caesarean! The movie's slow build nicely leads up to that memorable scene, adding an element of horror to the heady mix of ideas but I expected more from Scott. Perhaps Alien set the bar too high for the director to leap over.

CA: I prefer to see it as Alien vs. Predator draining the IQ of the franchise so that Prometheus appears like Potemkin by comparison. But in all seriousness, Prometheus gave me a massive sensory jolt. Great Scott, give me more!

Synopsis

The basic storyline of Alien is in place in Prometheus, just don't call this movie a sequel or a prequel lest you annoy Sir Ridley. A group of hapless space travellers faceoff with some intergalactic nasties who give hugging a bad name. But these face huggers aren't the movie's main draw. Led by Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace) and Charlie Holloway (Logan Marshall-Green), the expedition into the far corners of the universe aims to prove a connection between ancient human civilizations and extraterrestrials. Chris Alexander sits in for Mark Breslin.

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Scene in brief

Stars out to end violence against women

Academy Award winners Nicole Kidman and Mira Sorvino urged an end to violence against women at a concert Wednesday night in New York City to support the UN agency that promotes equality for women and an end to attacks against millions of women and girls. General Assembly President Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar brought the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra to the UN to celebrate his leadership of the 193-member world body this year and dedicated the concert to supporting UN Women, which came into existence in 2010. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the crowd that "more than half of all women will be victims of violence in their lifetime — beatings, sexual abuse, even murder." Al-Nasser said UN member states have committed to raising $100 million by 2015 for its trust fund to combat violence against women.

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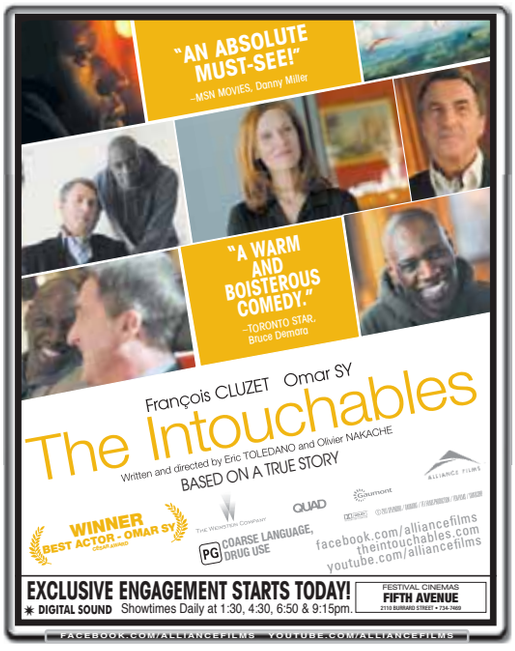
On the web

Comedian Joan Rivers embraces her inner hater in her new book



Drama

Cosmopolis

Director. David Cronenberg

Stars. Robert Pattinson, Jay Baruchel, Samantha Morton

In Cosmopolis, director David Cronenberg takes us on an existential road trip through the breakdown of modern society. Twilight heartthrob Robert Pattinson plays Eric Packer, a 28-year-old billionaire money manager. Powerful, controlling and self-destructive, he's driving across Manhattan to get a haircut in the back of a tricked-out stretch limousine while his world crumbles. It's a challenging film.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy

Jesus Henry Christ

Director. Dennis Lee

Stars. Toni Collette, Michael Sheen

A self-consciously quirky comedy about a child prodigy searching for his biological father, Jesus Henry Christ never finds the right tone: it's whimsical one moment and violently mean-spirited the next. Jason Spevack is good as the brilliant 10-year old protagonist but the adults are cartoonishly drawn and the storytelling is ragged — especially the wildly contrived conclusion.

ADAM NAYMAN

Animation

Madagascar 3

Directors. Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath, Conrad Vernon

Stars. Ben Stiller, Jada Pinkett Smith, Chris Rock

Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller), zebra Marty (Chris Rock), giraffe Melman (David Schwimmer) and hippo Gloria (Jada Pinkett Smith) are still stranded in the African savannah and after a side trip to Monaco they join a circus with hopes of returning to their New York home. The Madagascar series has never been my favourite animated franchise but the new film is funny — it's worth it.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy/Drama

The Intouchables

Director. Olivier Nakache

Stars. François Cluzet, Omar Sy Anne Le Ny

A massive box-office hit in its native France, The Intouchables mines a fascinating true-life story about a wealthy quadriplegic's friendship with his caregiver for slick populist uplift: it's a tear-jerking, subtitled version of The Odd Couple. Omar Sy and Francois Cluzet give polished performances in the leads, but the film is sentimental and manipulative.

ADAM NAYMAN

Foreverland. Director gets deep with a film about learning how to live life

Foreverland opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Director Max McGuire has lived with cystic fibrosis (CF) his whole life, but he's never let the terminal disease get in the way of his desire to make movies. Now 31 years old, McGuire is looking forward to the release of his third feature film, Foreverland, set to open this month.

Foreverland follows Will Rankin, a 21-year-old with CF who is too preoccupied with the realities of his disease to actually live his life. "He kind of lives preparing for the end," explains McGuire. But when Will is tasked with delivering the ashes of a friend to a sacred healing shrine in Mexico, Will finally lets himself experience life.

McGuire got the idea for Foreverland after asking himself some very big questions about life and his disease.

"Obviously coming into my later years as a patient I was struck with all these feelings of when does the end start to happen? Do you feel it? Is it sudden? These questions helped me realize that probably they are questions for a 20-something-year-old to be having," he says.

But with the help of his friend and co-writer, Shawn Riopelle, McGuire made sure Foreverland wasn't a "feel sorry for yourself disease film." On the contrary, McGuire says Foreverland is about hope and learning to live in the moment.

Though McGuire admits this is a very personal story for him, Will Rankin is not based on Max McGuire.

"Will's a little bit thornier and a little bit darker than I am," says McGuire.

"I like to joke that I'm post-Foreverland-journey Will. Will's arc is an exploration of what could have been if I hadn't been raised with the idea that time is finite for everybody and to pursue your dreams."

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Akerman takes a look at the other side

Rock of Ages. Actress plays a Rolling Stone reporter in her latest role and realizes it can be a pretty tough gig interviewing the rich, famous and difficult

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Malin Akerman. HANDOUT

Malin Akerman got a look at how the other half lives in Rock of Ages, playing a Rolling Stone reporter tasked with interviewing the infamously difficult rock star Stacee Jaxx (Tom Cruise). Of course, their interview devolves into a raucous, half-naked rendition of I Want to Know What Love Is, with Cruise using Akerman's rear end as a microphone at one point. Our interview was, to put it mildly, much more staid.

Has playing this part given you new sympathy for the folks interviewing you?
Absolutely. I mean, I've always had sympathy for you guys because I know it's hard. There's that whole mix of wanting to get a really good story, and then on our side of the coin not wanting to give too much of a personal life story. It's hard. It's not easy, finding the right balance. But it was fun to play, definitely. It was nice to be on the other side of the coin. I liked it, but a few people I talked to today, they go, "God, I've had an experience like that." There was one woman who went to someone's house and ended up having to interview a rock star in bed. He was still in bed hungover and wouldn't get out of bed.

Have you been tempted to try and go weird and difficult for any of your interviews?
Not brave enough. Not yet (laughs). Maybe one day. I always want to respect whoever I'm with, but I could imagine doing that if someone's not respecting you. But I haven't done it yet.

I hope that I'm not the first.
I highly doubt that will happen. You don't seem like the type.

Have you had much experience singing before doing this project, and was that something that gave you pause?
It definitely did not give me pause. I wanted to do it so badly. I've always wanted to do a musical. I've done a couple of auditions for musicals so it's always kind of been on my radar, but I had a band in 2002 — a self-taught, self-made kind of thing. We recorded our songs in a closet. It was nothing fancy, and I never went anywhere with it, but I'd never had any real vocal training so this was the first time. There was so much pressure to not disappoint. And then also to go into a real studio with real musical directors and producers and editors was really intimidating, but super-exciting at the same time. I was a ball of nerves going into it.

The choreography of your big number is pretty interesting. How do you approach a scene that calls for Tom Cruise singing into your rear end?
It does not say any of this in the script. (laughs) This was all done while we were blocking and choreographing the whole thing. The tongue-in-the-ear part was born in rehearsals, the singing into the butt was born there.

Plus you get to do the classic 1980s taking off your glasses and letting your hair down.
I love it. I was so excited about it. You walk in with the "Hot for Teacher" look, and then it all comes off — that cheesy sort of reveal. It's so silly. I always remember watching movies in the 80s and you would see exactly that. Or the cop that was wearing the helmet, and they take it off and it would be a woman and her hair was perfect.

You've got a strong comedy background. Does that come in handy, considering Hollywood's enduring misconception that beautiful women can't be funny?
I know, it's so stupid. Some of my closest friends who are women are the funniest people I know. But of course, I don't even know how it got started. But of course that's been an advantage. That was the whole reason I got the call from Rob Corddry for "Childrens Hospital," which was amazing. I love doing that show, it's so ridiculous. Talk about pushing limits, you know? It's definitely not PG-13. I don't know really how I stumbled into comedy. I feel like I've been searching for films that are a little bit outside of the comedic territory just to flex those muscles and see what I am capable of, because I've always been cast as a comedic girl, which is great. And I don't ever want to give that up, but I want to try it all.

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Spoiler alert!

So, Ridley Scott's long-awaited Prometheus is finally here, and the results are … disappointing. While visually stunning, the story — about a group of scientists heading into space in search of man's origins — is overly complicated and filled with holes. Since we're always looking to be helpful, here's what we'd do differently:

Make it scarier

Scott continually referred to Prometheus as a horror movie in the lead up to its release, yet the finished product is surprisingly short on scares, save for one fantastic surgery scene. A lot of this might have to do with the fact that, for most of the film, it's not really clear what the threat is — aside from some very powerful wind.

Ease off the old-age makeup

Unless there's a scene of a younger Peter Weyland (Guy Pierce) that was cut from the film — and maybe that TED talk viral video was originally supposed to be included — it seems unnecessary to cast Pierce in the role just to cover him up with unconvincing prosthetics.

Work on the dialogue

The film falters the first time when the ship's pilot, Janek (Idris Elba), shows up with some succinct information about what's in those mysterious vases he hasn't seen in person and why the "engineers" he's never met built them. Why not offer a clue how he came to such a conclusion?

Kill characters with respect

Maybe starting off with fewer characters would've made it possible to avoid instances like Janek's two co-pilots (Emun Elliott and Benedict Wong) deciding to go down with the ship — despite their being a viable escape — just because the story needed them to not be around anymore.

Where to go from here

What would really be awesome would be for Dr. Shaw and the severed head of the android David (Michael Fassbender) star as wacky roommates on a laugh track-filled CBS sitcom. The possibilities for hilarity are endless!

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Tribute to hockey's legendary goon

Ogilthorpe. Short Canadian film based on the life of rock 'em, sock 'em player Bill 'Goldie' Goldthorpe

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One of the most iconic characters from the cult 1970s film Slapshot will be coming to life in a new Canadian film entitled Ogilthorpe.

Ogie Ogilthorpe, the villainous goon who cameos in the conclusion of Slapshot, was a character based on real-life goon Bill "Goldie" Goldthorpe.

Like in Slapshot, the real Ogilthorpe's legend precedes him. When Goldthorpe played, his fists did the talking, and his bleach blond afro had the potential to make clowns blush.

He once threatened Don Cherry and got away with it. And while incarcerated in Syracuse during the American Hockey League season, coaching staff from his team would escort Goldthorpe back and forth from prison between games.

The film, which was shot in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, is the brainchild of executive producer Dave Fergusson. Fergusson thinks that style of rock 'em, sock 'em hockey featured in the film is a thing of the past.

"It was the wild west back then. He (Goldthorpe) was the wildest, most unpredictable player in the league back then. He was the fiercest goon ever to play the game of hockey," said Fergusson.

Fergusson has been transfixed by the legend of Ogilthorpe for some time now.

"That's the beauty of Ogilthorpe. The beauty of his life story is the drama — and it's both on the ice and off the ice.

"There are incidents where this guy went to a rink in a different league to watch a hockey game and he's a member of neither team and ends up getting involved with the brawl."

Saskatoon fitness trainer and former hockey player Kelly Riou plays the legend of Ogilthorpe. The resemblances between the actor and man in real life are striking.

"I have a curly Afro myself but I keep it completely short because I don't like the curls and the next thing I know they're taking it right back to where it was and blond to boot."

Online

The trailer of Ogilthorpe is debuting on metronews.ca and ogilthorpethemovie.com.

Quoted

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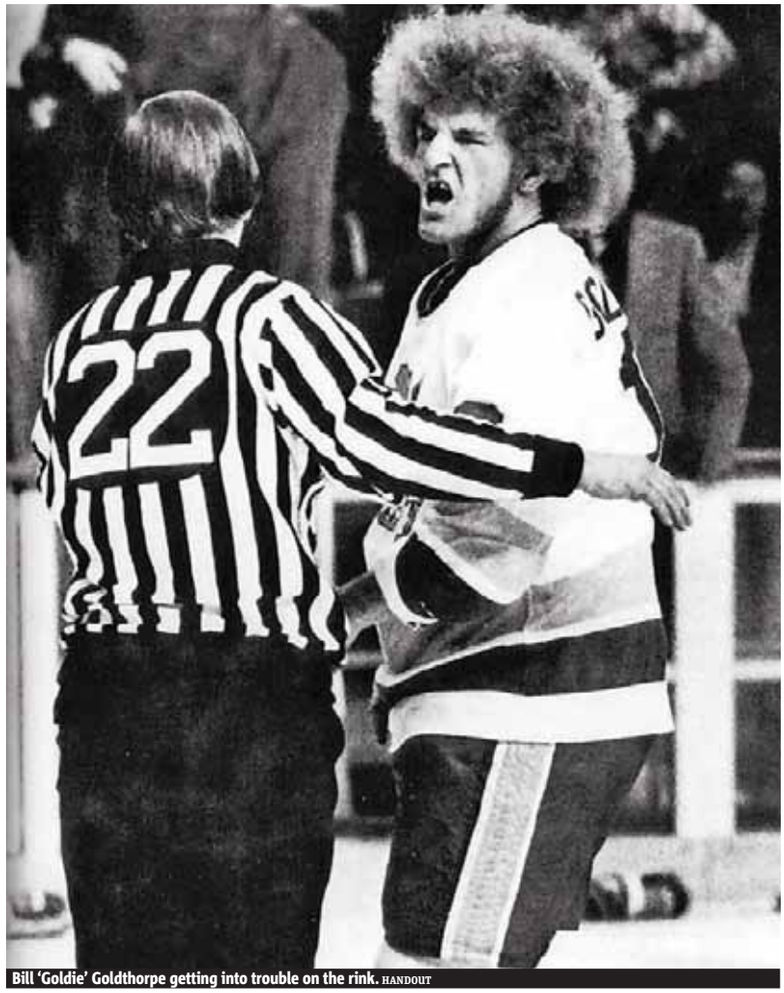
Dave Fergusson, executive producer of Ogilthorpe



Bill 'Goldie' Goldthorpe getting into trouble on the rink. HANDOUT

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Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:10-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:50
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat-Sun 12:10-3
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
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The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:40 Thu 6:50
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Sat-Sun 2:10-4:30 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri 7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:55
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri 7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:10
Prometheus (14A) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:35
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri 7:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:05
Rock of Ages (PG) Thu 10
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1

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Barrymore (PG) Sun 12:55
Battleship (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:30
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:55
Blazing Saddles (STC) Wed 7
Crooked Arrows (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:15
The Dictator (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:15-4:25-6:35-8:45-10:55 Mon-Tue 12-2:10-4:20-6:25-8:40-10:45 Wed 12-2:10-4:20-7:55-10:25 Thu 12-2:10-4:20-6:30-8:40-10:45
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Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:20-7-10:20 Mon-Wed 12:10-3:20-6:55-10:10 Thu 12:10-3:20-10:10
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7:40-11 Mon-Thu 12:40-4-7:20-10:30
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-2:20-5-7:35-10:10 Sun 5-7:35-10:10 Mon-Tue 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:10 Wed 12-2:25-4:55-10:10 Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:10
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Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri 2:05-5-7:55-10:55 Sat 11:10-2:05-5-7:55-10:55 Sun 2:05-5-7:55-10:55 Mon-Tue 2:05-5-7:55-10:45 Wed 1:30-4:30-10:45 Thu 2:05-5-7:55-10:45
Prometheus: An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat 11-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:05-10
Rock of Ages (PG) Thu 10:15
Rowdy Rathore (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:25-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:55-7:25-10:35
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-1:45-2:40-4:35-5:25-7:30-8:15-10:25-11 Mon-Wed 1:45-2-4:35-4:55-7:30-7:50-10:20-10:40 Thu 2-4:35-4:55-7:30-7:50-10:20-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:20

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Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri 4:45-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:20
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The Dictator (14A) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:05-4:20-6:35-8:50-11 Mon-Wed 1:45-4-6:15-8:30-10:40 Thu 1:10-3:25-5:35-7:50
The Last Starfighter (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:15-10:30
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Sun 3:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-9:50
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-7-10:10
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The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 4:05-6:50-9:35 Sat 1:05-4:05-6:50-9:35 Sun 1:05-4:05-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:50
Chernobyl Diaries (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05
Dark Shadows (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
Double Trouble (STC) Fri 4:30-7:30-9:40 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:40 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Every Breath You Take (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:45 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 4-7-9:55 Sat 1-4-7-9:55 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30
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Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1-4:25-7:40-11 Sun-Thu 1-4:25-7:40
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Wed 2:05-4:40-7:30-10:20 Thu 2:05-4:40-10:20
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Rock of Ages (PG) Thu 10:15
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 1:25-1:55-4:25-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Sat 11-1:25-1:55-4:25-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Sun-Tue 1:25-1:55-4:25-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Wed 1:55-4:25-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Thu 1:25-1:55-4:25-4:40-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon 4:30-7:30-10:35 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:35 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1
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Battleship (PG) Fri-Thu 4-6:40
Chernobyl Diaries (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Dark Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Sat-Sun 2
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat-Sun 1-2:50
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-7

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The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:55
The Dictator (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:20-6:35-8:50-11:05 Mon-Wed 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:30 Thu 1-3:20-5:35-7:45
Kabaddi Once Again (STC) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:45-10:05
The Last Starfighter (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Tue 12:15 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1 Thu 12:15
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Wed 5:05-7:30-9:55 Thu 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-9:15
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:35-11 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-10:25
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-6:40
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:10-10:45
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:20-10:15
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Rock of Ages (PG) Thu 10
Rowdy Rathore (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:15-10:30
Shanghai (STC) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:30-9:45
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 2:35-5:20-8:05-10:50 Sat 11:45-2:35-5:20-8:05-10:50 Sun-Tue 2:35-5:20-8:05-10:50 Wed 5:20-8:05-10:50 Thu 2:35-5:20-8:05-10:50 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1

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The Dictator (14A) , Fri 4:20-6:20-10:30 , Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:20-10:30 , Mon 6-8:35 , Tue 4:20-6:20-10:30 , Wed-Thu 6-8:35
Kabaddi Once Again (STC) , , Sub-Titled Fri 4:40-8 , , Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 1:25-4:40-8 , , Sub-Titled Mon 7:50 , , Sub-Titled Tue 4:40-8 , , Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 7:50
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) , Fri 4-7-9:30 , Sat-Sun 12:30-4-7-9:30 , Mon 5:45-8:15 , Tue 4-7-9:30 , Wed-Thu 5:45-8:15
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) , , Fri 3:30-6:30-9 , , Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:30-9 , , Mon 5:15-7:45 , , Tue 3:30-6:30-9 , , Wed-Thu 5:15-7:45
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) , Fri 3:35 , Sat-Sun 12:20 , Mon 5 , Tue 3:35 , Wed-Thu 5
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Men in Black 3 (PG) , Fri 4:35 , Sat-Sun 1:20 , Mon 5:30 , Tue 4:35 , Wed-Thu 5:30
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) , Fri 7:20-10 , Sat-Sun 4:35-7:20-10 , Mon 8:30 , Tue 7:20-10 , Wed-Thu 8:30
Prometheus (14A) , , Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 , , Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45 , , Mon 5:10-8 , , Tue 3:45-6:45-9:45 , , Wed-Thu 5:10-8
Prometheus 3D (14A) , , Fri 4:15-7:10-10:10 , , Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:10 , , Mon 5:35-8:25 , , Tue 4:15-7:10-10:10 , , Wed-Thu 5:35-8:25
Rowdy Rathore (14A) , , Sub-Titled Fri 4:10-7:50 , , Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:50 , , Sub-Titled Mon 8 , , Sub-Titled Tue 4:10-7:50 , , Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 8
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) , Fri 3:50-4:30-6:50-7:30-9:55-10:20 , Sat-Sun 12:35-1:10-3:50-4:30-6:50-7:30-9:55-10:20 , Mon 5:20-5:50-8:20-8:40 , Tue 3:50-4:30-6:50-7:30-9:55-10:20 , Wed-Thu 5:20-5:50-8:20-8:40
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) , Fri 3:15-6:15 , Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:15 , Mon 5:55 , Tue 3:15-6:15 , Wed-Thu 5:55

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Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 2-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
Prometheus (14A) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
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Barrymore (PG) Sun 12:55
Battleship (PG) Fri-Sun 7:55-11 Mon-Tue 7:15-10:20 Wed 10:20 Thu 7:15-10:20
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:55
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The Hunger Games (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-4-7:15-10:25 Sun 4-7:15-10:25 Mon-Wed 3:45-7:10-10:25 Thu 3:45-10:25
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Prometheus (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:30
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Prometheus: An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat 11-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
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Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sun 1:55-4:50-7:50-10:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:40-10:45 Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Tue 3:50-7-10:05 Wed 7-10:05 Thu 3:50-7-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 3
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:40

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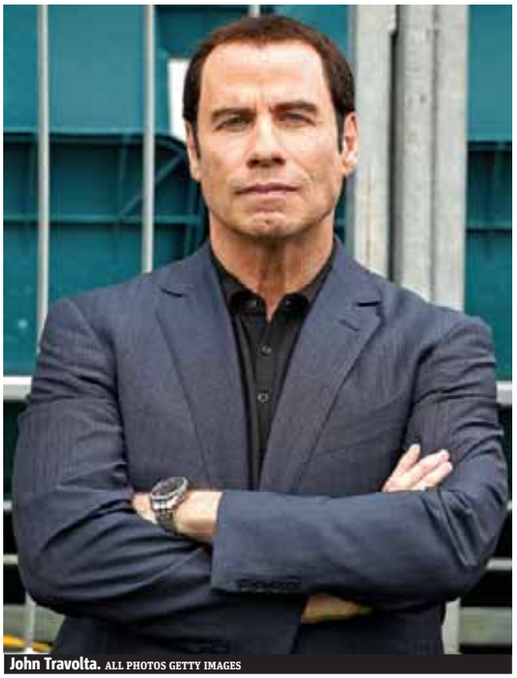

John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

John Travolta is gay, says former secretary

A former secretary for John Travolta says the actor — who's currently being dogged by multiple sexual assault accusations from men — is gay, according to the National Enquirer.

"Of course I knew he was gay. It never bothered me," says Joan Edwards, who worked for Travolta from 1978 to 1994.

Edwards claims she learned firsthand details from another former employee, Doug Gotterba, who worked as a pilot for Travolta starting in 1981.

"He told me that John was gay and they had a sexual relationship."

Travolta's attorney has yet to comment on the story.

Jim Carrey fires back

Jim Carrey didn't appreciate ex-girlfriend Jenny McCarthy telling Howard Stern that he has refused to maintain a relationship with her son, Evan, who is autistic.

"I will always do what I believe is in the best interest of Evan's well being," says the actor, who denies that McCarthy has ever reached out. "It's unfortunate that Evan's privacy is not being considered. I love Evan very much and will miss him always."

I think we can all agree on what's important here: There is no way we're watching McCarthy's new reality dating show.

Twitter

@driverminnie
now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to take some sincere pain medication. see you next week then.

@MarleeMatlin
So I have 70 cases of 7-UP retro that I designed for the finale of @apprenticeNBC last year. Is it still good? Does anyone in LA want it?

@RealKiefer
There is justice. The man who stole Tom Petty's guitars was caught. Yay!

@batemanjason
I don't understand the low ratings at CNN. I have it on all day, every day. Greatest channel ever!

The Word

Jimmy Kimmel, what have you done?

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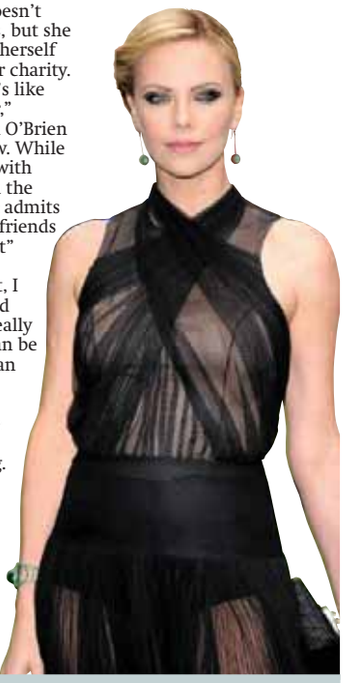
We don't envy Jimmy Kimmel. Whereas the idea of Kardashians is enough to haunt this office, all three were live in his studio on Wednesday night. While he had them there, he took the opportunity to ask Kourtney if she had any plans to marry longtime boyfriend Scott Disick.

"Do you wanna be in my therapy session?" she replied with a seriously scary laugh (did we mention she is 33 and pregnant with his second child?).

"First of all, I have realized that I have major commitment problems during this pregnancy. I'm really claustrophobic, and all my issues — and I have a lot of them — they all stem from this thing. I can't commit to anything. But I love Scott, and he is my partner."

Kimmel made it out of the conversation as close to alive as you can expect after a close encounter of the Kardashian kind. But if Kourtney is sporting a ring next week, we're going to want a word off air.

No more auction dates for Charlize



Charlize Theron doesn't regret many things, but she does regret letting herself be auctioned off for charity.

"Do not do it. It's like the worst idea ever," Theron tells Conan O'Brien during an interview. While she went through with the blind date with the highest bidder, she admits she "made two girlfriends sit at the restaurant" nearby.

"The closer I got, I thought: 'This could actually turn out really bad. Rich people can be creeps, too! They can rape,'" she says.

"Look, I would rather just give the money (to charity). It was a scary thing. And (the guy) was weird."

Charlie Sheen is far from 'done'

The way Charlie Sheen sees it, he's come a long way since his famous flameout last year, telling Rolling Stone that he's now sober — for the most part.

"I don't see what's wrong with a few drinks," Sheen says in the interview.

"What's your drink? Tequila? Mine's vodka. Straight, because I've always said that ice is for injuries." Speaking of injuries, Sheen still feels slighted by the way Hollywood pushed him aside after his famous feud with his former Two and a Half Men boss, Chuck Lorre.

"I was blackballed in this friggin' town. I had to generate my own stuff, to say 'I'm not done yet,'" says Sheen, whose new show, Anger Management, is premiering this month.

"I'm not done because they say I'm done."

3 LIFE

Cookbook

The Barbecue Collection

You might not have to cook the same thing twice by following the vision of The Barbecue Collection by the staff at The Canadian Living Test Kitchen.

"Our last barbecue book was a huge seller; we sold more than 33,000 copies," said Tina Anson Mine, executive editor of food and books for Canadian Living in an interview from the magazine's offices in Toronto.

"We decided to update and give this rendition a new lease on life and there are more than 100 new recipes never seen before in all kinds of international flavours."

The other 50 are reprinted from other publications that Anson Mine says have been hugely popular as well.

One of the most impressive and varied is the chapter on grilling poultry.

Rounding out the choices are recipes for fish and seafood such as blackened catfish, a seafood Caesar Salad, grilled shrimp, squid and oysters.

The book also gives its readers The Basics, an in-depth introduction which covers the most up-to-date barbecuing techniques.

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On the web

As public funding lessens, corporate support of university agricultural research draws worries

This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get sprung on unique summer shrimp rolls

Shrimp & Jicama Spring Rolls. These fresh bites make the perfect appetizers

Imagine crossing a monster potato with a water chestnut.

That's jicama for you. And while not much to look at on the outside, the crisp, crunchy texture and clean, sweet flavour inside makes this veggie worth seeking out.

First, the basics. Jicama is a tuber — a big, brown, round root. A relative of the bean family, it is native to Mexico and South America.

Though most often eaten raw, such as chopped into salads, jicama can be steamed, boiled, sautéed or fried.

The flavour is on the neutral side, with a hint of starchy sweetness. It really is quite similar to water chestnuts, and can be substituted for them.

Once limited mostly to Latin American markets, the popularity of Hispanic foods has pushed jicama into mainstream grocers.

1. Dipping sauce: In a blender combine the peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Blend until smooth. Add hot sauce, to taste, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl and cover with hot water. Soak 5 mins., or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer and set aside.

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from the cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips. Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper in water until soft and pliable, 20 seconds.

5. Carefully remove rice wrapper from the water and lay flat on the counter. Place small bundle of noodles along one edge of wrapper. Top noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama and carrots. Place 3 shrimp over vegetables, then top with a mint leaf.

6. Roll wrapper, starting with filling side, folding ends over the filling as you roll to form tight cylinder. Repeat with remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve spring rolls with dipping sauce.

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Ingredients

Dipping sauce:
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp rice or cider vinegar
- Hot sauce, to taste

Spring rolls:
- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 lb cooked and cooled extra-large shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

Liquid Assets

Skip white wine & reach for...green?

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A philosophical frog once said, "It's not easy being green." White winemakers hum the same tune because consumer love for clean, clear liquid in their glasses has forced them to filter their whites within an inch of their lives for years.

Truth be told, many grapes we consider white have much darker skins than you might imagine, with the best example being pinot grigio. Unfiltered, your average PG would be a few shades shy of rosé.

One white that wears its colour on its label is Vinho Verde made in the Portuguese province of Minho. Translating to "green wine" its name is really a reference to the bright, refreshing flavours characteristic of the region's juice more than the pigment of Kermit's imagination.

Pale straw to the naked eye, Sogrape's Gazela 2011 Vinho Verde ($8.53 - $11.99) is a zesty, light-bodied wine with a zing of effervescence that tingles the tongue and adds lift to the subtle expression of citrus, lime and grapefruit.

A classic summer wine style, Vinho Verde is perfect with anything that swims or crawls in the ocean and makes a relaxing back deck sipper on a warm afternoon.

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Almonds boost Shrimp Ratatouille

Ingredients

Grilled Ratatouille
- 1 each red, yellow, orange pepper, cut in half and cleaned
- 1 each zucchini and Asian eggplant, sliced lengthwise
- 1 large red onion, sliced thick
- 1 pint (470 ml) cherry tomatoes
- ¼ bunch each tarragon and chives, finely sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) olive oil
- Salt & pepper, to taste

Pesto
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 oz (30 g) grated parmigiano cheese
- 1/8 cup (25 ml) toasted blanched almonds
- 1 bunch basil
- 4 oz (120 g) olive oil
- Salt & pepper, to taste

Shrimp
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) slivered almonds, toasted
- 1 tsp (5 ml) chili flakes
- ¼ cup (50 ml) almond oil
- 2 lbs (908 grams) wild white shrimp (peeled, deveined)
- 2 oz (60 g) white wine
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- Salt & pepper, to taste

1. Drizzle peppers, zucchini, eggplant and onion with 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil, season with salt and pepper and grill until just cooked. When cool, cut vegetables into pieces and set aside in large bowl.

2. In pan over medium-high heat toss cherry tomatoes with 1 tbsp (15 ml) of olive oil and cook until they burst. Add to bowl of grilled vegetables and toss with tarragon, chives and drizzle with 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil. Season to taste.

3. In a food processor, pulse garlic, parmigiano cheese and almonds 10 seconds. Add basil leaves and olive oil. Pulse until basil is processed fine and pesto is formed. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

4. In skillet over medium high heat, sauté garlic, almonds and chili flakes in almond oil, 30 seconds. Add shrimp, season with salt and pepper. Sauté, continuously tossing and flipping shrimp until done, about 4 mins. Deglaze with white wine, scraping browned bits from pan. Add butter and stir, forming sauce. Remove from heat.

5. Spoon summer ratatouille onto a plate, top with shrimp and dot shrimp with a dollop of pesto.

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This recipe serves six. NEWS CANADA

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Third Annual Vinos Wine Film Festival (Okanagan)

Taking place this weekend in sunny Okanagan, the 2012 Vinos Wine Film Festival marks its return in partnership with Black Hills Estate Winery and the Thompson-Okanagan Tourism Association. Head out of town and up to the Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos for a weekend of wine, culture, film and fine cuisine.

Eye to I

This Friday and Saturday, head over to the Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre for Arts for Impact's 8th event: Eye to I. With more than a dozen talented artists and performers such as Anne Cooper, Zoe Nichele, Aaron Malkin, showcasing their work through various media — it's a guaranteed good time for a great cause. All proceeds from the two-day extravaganza will benefit LEAP. (Spirit Ridge Resort, Osoyoos, BC).

Youth Education Farms Gala at Birks Jewelers (Friday, June 8)

Doll yourself up and head to this third Annual Fundraising Gala that brings together top-notch Vancouver movers and shakers in support of YEF. This joint-effort charity between Swaziland and Vancouver, helps raise much-needed tuition money for orphaned Swazi youth through sustainable enterprise efforts. Enjoy an open bar, auction, live entertainment, hors d'ouvres and more.

MEC Bikefest (Friday, June 8)

Get into gear for the season ahead and visit North Vancouver's MEC–sponsored event taking place at Inter River Park for a taste of all-things bike related. Rain or shine, it's the perfect chance to catch a few free clinics, workshops and demo the latest gear on the market.

Vancouver Draw Down (Saturday, June 9)

Fancy yourself as the next Picasso perhaps? Try your hand at Vancouver Draw Down: a daylong celebration of drawing taking place at 18 different arts and cultural organizations throughout the city. Take part in one of many free drawing workshops taking place in museums, galleries, street-side and more. Local artists will be on-hand to help you hone your craft in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Get ready to create your own masterpiece, font, or simply doodle the day away.

Italian Day on The Drive

Get ready to celebrate all-things Italian this Sunday, June 10 on Commercial Drive. Live 'la dolce vita' and take in the fashion, entertainment and cultural activities while sampling specialty Italian products and food. This popular, free event celebrates Vancouver's 'Little Italy' in true festive style, attracting more than 50,000 like-minded attendees. (1733 Commercial Dr.)

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NBA

James' 45 propels Heat to Game 7

LeBron James refused to let another season end in Boston.

The Eastern Conference finals, and his chase of an NBA championship, are headed back to Miami for a Game 7.

James had 45 points and 15 rebounds, overwhelming the Celtics and leading the Heat to a 98-79 victory Thursday night that forced the decisive game.

Dwyane Wade added 17 points for the Heat, who need a victory at home Saturday to return to the NBA finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James in Boston on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belmont Stakes

I'll Have Another looking good ahead of Triple Crown attempt, says trainer

Triple Crown contender I'll Have Another turned in another strong gallop as he prepares for the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

On a sunny Thursday morning, the Canadian-owned colt again went once around the oval, duplicating the 1 1/2 miles of the race.

"He had a really good day of training," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "He showed good energy and he cooled out really well. I'm very happy with where we are two days out." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goalie Martin Brodeur goes for a skate during Game 4 in Los Angeles on Wednesday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Brodeur breathes life into Devils' cup hopes

NHL. Grizzled netminder gives New Jersey chance to turn around final against L.A.

There was no way the moment was going to get the best of Martin Brodeur.

He's touched the Stanley Cup, lifted it in the air, had it out front of the house where he was raised in the Montreal borough of Saint Leonard. And he's made an incredible career out of helping the New Jersey Devils win important games.

So with the Staples Center trembling in anticipation of a Stanley Cup sweep by the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night, it should be no surprise that Brodeur was at his best as the Devils forced a Game 5 back in New Jersey on Saturday.

"It's just being in the moment," he explained afterwards. "It's really hard while you're playing to really think about (past experiences) — even though some of them are successful, some are not. But for me, it's living in the moment, living these experiences with these guys. That's what hockey is all about."

With so much of the focus in this series on the outstanding play of Kings goaltender Jonathan Quick, Brodeur has almost been lost in the shuffle. But he stared down three breakaways in an extremely tight Game 4 and benefited from a couple fortunate breaks — two pucks rang off his post late in the first period — to keep the Stanley Cup from being presented.

Whether it was just delaying the inevitable or the start of a historic comeback by New Jersey, only time will tell.

Brodeur has been candid about his team's struggles in the series and knows that there is no room for error in his performance as a result. The fact he's still able to meet that challenge a month after his 40th birthday is amazing.

Few outsiders believed Brodeur would ever make his way back on to the big stage, especially since the Devils had only won two playoff series since he lifted his third cup in 2003.

"I don't think you're ever surprised at what he does, how he handles everything," Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello said at the start of the final.

"He has a personality that never looks back.... He's changed his game accordingly to the way the style is. He's a student." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kings make road look easy

The Kings, 15-3 in the post-season, are the first team to grab a 3-0 lead in four straight series in one playoff year.

- But only one of those match-ups ended in a sweep as Los Angeles has now dropped three Game 4s at home.
- L.A. is heading back into its true comfort zone for Saturday's Game 5 — the road. It is there that they have already set records with 10 straight victories in this post-season, and 12 playoff wins in a row, dating to last year. With one more win away from L.A., the Kings will also set the mark with 11 road wins in a single playoff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

NBA

"We've been through a lot. We don't call each other family just to say it. We really believe in that."

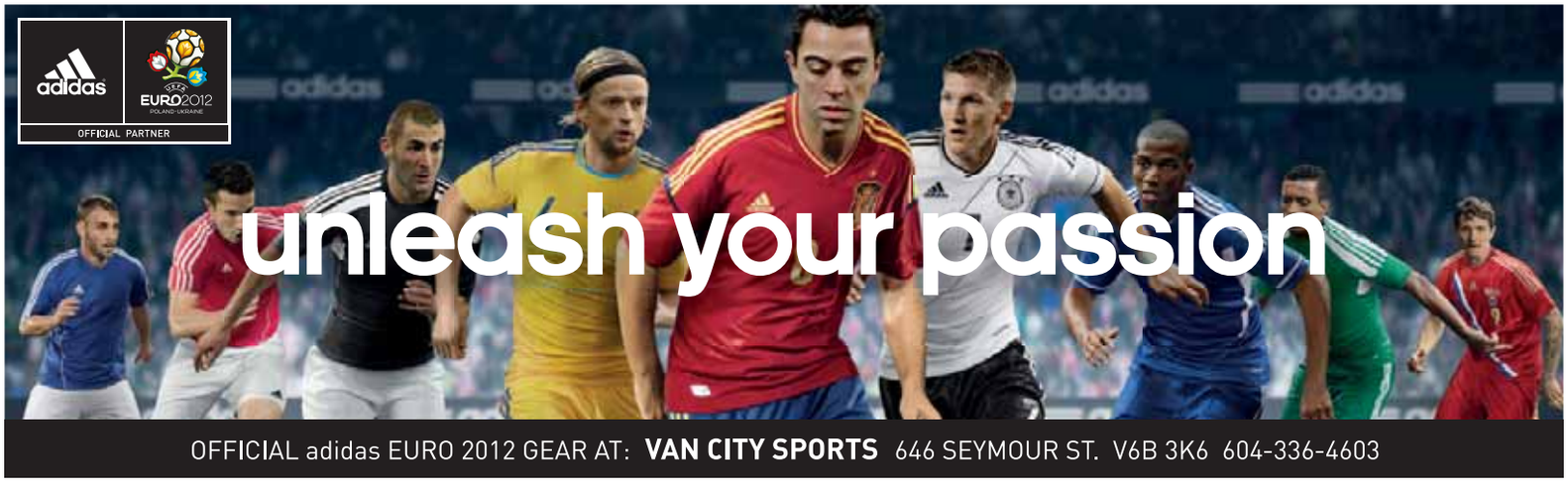
Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, who scored 34 points in Wednesday night's 107-99 NBA finals-clinching win over the San Antonio Spurs.

"It's almost like a Hollywood script for OKC in a sense."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich on the Thunder. San Antonio had won 20 straight games after taking a 2-0 lead in the series before Oklahoma stormed back to win four straight.

Mobile news

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Kentucky's Anthony Davis will go No. 1 in the 2012 NBA draft. But the star forward insists he's "not set in stone" to go first in the draft. Scan the code for the story.



Hopes of a nation on their shoulders

Polish players warm up in Warsaw on Monday. ALIK KEPLICZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Euro 2012. Poland determined not to repeat mistakes of past while co-hosting Euro with Ukraine

Poland captain Jakub Blaszczykowski is determined not to let his team make the same mistakes at the European Championship that have torpedoed the country's hopes at past tournaments.

Topping that list is losing the opening game.

Poland was beaten in its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 European Championship. It crashed out of each of those competitions in the group stage.

"For sure, the last tournaments were not a success, and that's why we're trying not to repeat the mistakes of the past," Blaszczykowski said Thursday. "But I'm convinced all of us players have done everything that we can to be ready for the first match. The most important thing is not to lose this game so as to head down the path of past tournaments."

The Poland side that will open this year's competition on Friday against Greece at Warsaw's new National Stadium in front of 55,000 fans is a very different team, however, from the ones that failed to impress in the recent past.

Above all, coach Franciszek Smuda has three top-class players to build the team around — the Borussia Dortmund trio of Blaszczykowski, striker Robert Lewandowski and defender Lukasz Piszczek.

All three players are coming off stellar seasons during which they helped power Dortmund to a domestic double.

Lewandowski netted 22 goals in 34 league matches and was named the Bundesliga's player of the year. Blaszczykowski scored six goals and provided eight assists, while Piszczek contributed four goals and seven assists from his right back position.

"We have players who can change the game at any moment to our advantage, and that's the difference between this team and past teams," Blaszczykowski said.

The Polish captain and his teammates have an added incentive this year not to bow out early — they don't want to disappoint the millions of home fans who have been waiting for this moment since Poland won the right five years ago to co-host the tournament with Ukraine.

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Ukraine president urges citizens to host with 'friendliness'

Ukraine's president called on his countrymen to give a warm welcome to visitors during the European Championship, in the face of concerns over racism at football matches and criticism over a political opponent's imprisonment.

- Viktor Yanukovych hailed his country's success in preparing for the tournament. He also congratulated his country on building roads, stadiums and airports for Euro 2012 and called on his citizens Thursday in a televised address to exhibit "our Ukrainian hospitality, sincerity and friendliness."

Quoted

"We have the expectations of a whole country on us, we're aware of that, but it only motivates us more."

Jakub Blaszczykowski, Polish captain

Calibre of play at Euro second to none

Fernando Torres of Spain lifts the trophy after the Euro 2008 final against Germany. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

The World Cup may be the best-known soccer tournament on the planet. It may not be the best.

To many fans, the European Championship ranks as the top competition.

This year's continental championship, generally called Euro 2012, kicks off Friday in Warsaw when co-host Poland plays Greece at the National Stadium. Ukraine also will be hosting games.

With only 16 teams instead of 32, many believe the calibre of play at the European Championship exceeds that at the World Cup, which gets diluted by some of the slots apportioned to areas of the globe weaker in soccer.

Both tournaments take place every four years, but in alternate even-numbered years. That puts the European Championship, which started in 1960 and became a full-fledged tournament in 1980 when eight teams competed, in the same summer as the Olympics.

For Euro 2012, defending champion Spain — which also won the 2010 World Cup — is the favourite, especially with Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta controlling play. But the Netherlands and Germany are also contenders with their own game-changing players, notably the Dutch trio of Arjen Robben, Robin van Persie and Wesley Sneijder.

Others, like England with Wayne Rooney and Portugal with Cristiano Ronaldo, will also be in the mix.

Hooliganism is always an issue at major soccer tournaments; this year's competition has already been marred by racism concerns and political turmoil in Ukraine.

The 16 teams in the championship — the two co-hosts and 14 other nations that made it through a two-year qualifying tournament — have been split into four groups of four. The top two in each group reach the quarterfinals.

The final will be played on July 1 in Kyiv. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

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Only one non-European country (Uruguay in 2010) has been among the semifinalists at the last two World Cups.

Group A

Czech Republic

Milan Baros has recovered from a thigh injury, and will play in the Czechs' opener against Russia Friday.

Greece

Greece is trying to live up to its Euro win in 2004 and will be in tough from the get-go, facing hosts Poland in Friday's opener.

Poland

Desperate for a strong start after losing its first match at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and the 2008 Euro.

Russia

Coach Dick Advocaat says his entire squad is fit for its opener against the Czechs, including goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev, who had a left knee injury this week.

Group B

Denmark

Denmark is in big trouble early as the weakest club in the Group of Death.

Germany

Questions have been raised about the reliability of Germany's defence and the speed of its anchor, Per Mertesacker, whose match experience since February has been limited to two friendlies.

Netherlands

Joris Mathijsen is almost certain to miss the opener against Denmark and might be ruled out altogether, robbing the team of one of its key defenders.

Portugal

The fact they've found the net just once in their last three friendlies doesn't bode well.

Group C

Croatia

Coach Slaven Bilic says striker Nikica Jelavic has been chosen to spearhead the team's attack after a successful spell at Everton.

Ireland

Opening match against Croatia could give Irish a chance to start out competition on the right foot.

Italy

Standout Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo has bruised his right calf, although team officials are treating the injury as very minor.

Spain

Will try to become first county to successfully defend European title but the absence of defender Carles Puyol will make it tough.

Group D

England

Opening clash with France on Monday should be a good litmus test after a second-round exit at 2010 World Cup.

France

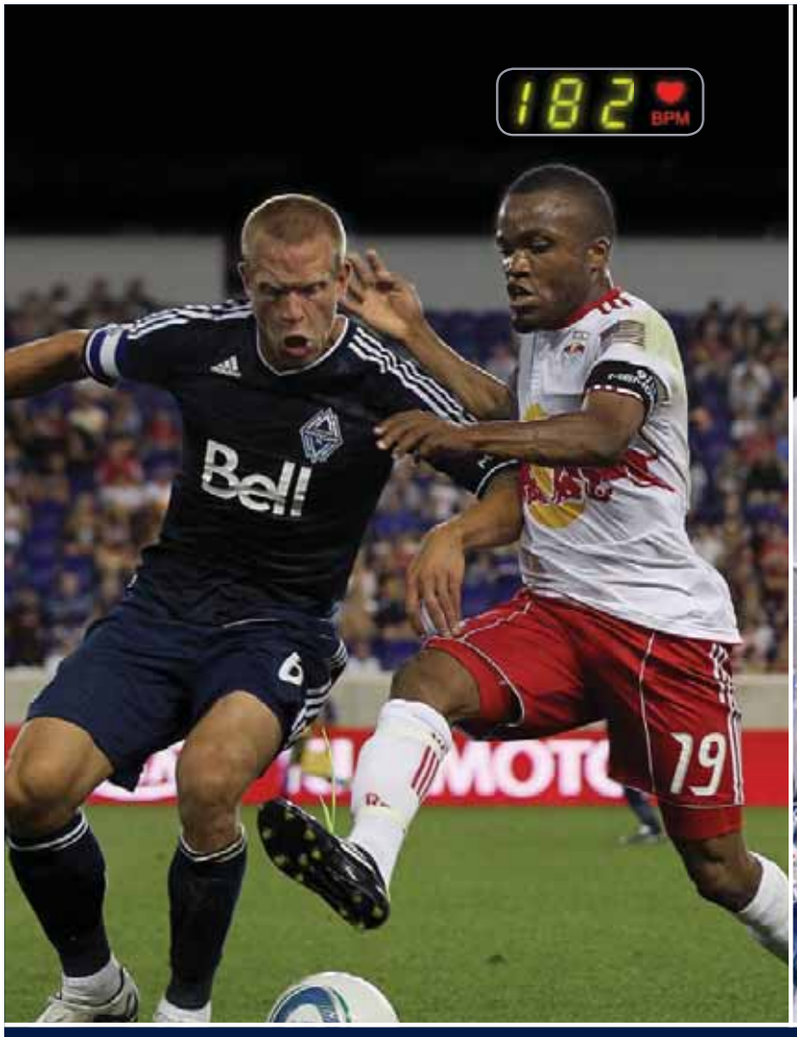
Pressure is on after a 2010 World Cup training-ground strike that shocked and embarrassed a nation.

Sweden

Sweden has two concerns going into its opener against Ukraine on Monday — Johan Elmander's foot and the co-host's crowd support.

Ukraine

Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin says his team's opening match against Sweden will decide whether his team has any chance of reaching the quarter-finals.



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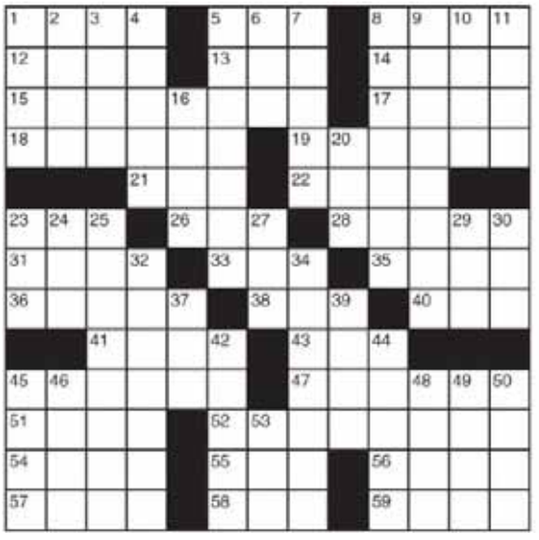
4 Region beyond a city
5 Securing device
6 Work with
7 Dense
8 Hick
9 "Genie in a Bottle" singer
10 Humdinger
11 Abound
16 Antitoxins
20 Conger, e.g.
23 Witness
24 Mess up
25 Shook
27 Comic-strip squeal
29 Cad
30 "Let me think ..."
32 Sweet potato
34 Nonproprietary
37 Curved line
39 "Fuhgeddaboudit!"
42 Layered rock
44 Sub spotter
45 Garage event
46 Oklahoma city
48 Tittle
49 Urban blight
50 Use a keyboard
53 Comprehendd



Sudoku

		5					4	7
	2	6		3	4			
7			6					
3		8	5		7			
	6						8	
			4		9	3		1
					5			2
			9	2		8	3	
4	9					1		

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	7	3	9	1	8	5	4	6
9	8	1	5	4	6	7	3	2
6	5	4	2	3	7	8	1	9
4	2	7	8	6	9	1	5	3
1	3	6	4	5	2	9	8	7
5	9	8	3	7	1	2	6	4
8	4	9	6	2	5	3	7	1
7	6	2	1	8	3	4	9	5
3	1	5	7	9	4	6	2	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

XN SIKHV OYYHXVY FISN, RMVTO X NRXPP VGIKZ IC CKOKGY PIVVYGN TXWY XH IWYGHMVTO PKRFYG ZXGOS?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WILD OUTING IS ABOUT TO OCCUR, COULD YOU SAY THAT WOULD BE A PENDING SPREE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You like to know what's going on and you like to know what's going to happen next but the Sun-Mars link will take you by surprise in a way.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Hopefully you won't take what happens today too seriously. You know how silly it is to struggle against events that cannot be controlled.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will have to sacrifice something that is precious to you for the greater good today. Remember: You are not making this decision just for yourself but for other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. If you come on too strong today, you are likely to turn people against you, so tone down your act a bit. Charm is the key.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. There is no point moaning about what you are expected to do — just roll up your sleeves and get on with the job.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The problems you face are mostly problems you have created for yourself. Therefore, hoping that other people will resolve them for you isn't going to work, is it?

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Stand your ground today even if you find yourself up against someone whose power and position puts your own in the shade.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Partners may be pushy today but you must not give in to their demands. Let them know that you can't be threatened and that no matter what, your answer is still 'no'.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You will need to be tough today, especially when dealing with people who seem to believe they have some sort of right to your time and energy.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. No matter how strongly the evidence points in one direction today, you must keep looking in other directions too.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If partners and colleagues want to play games today that's up to them but you care only about reality.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Rise above your current situation. Once you understand that minor negative events are of no real importance you'll feel happier — and achieve more too.

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Linda

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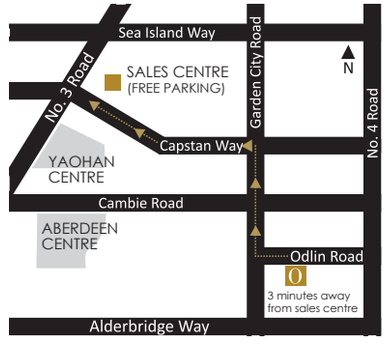

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